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New Dulos case goes to state's top court

'Secret order' that sealed a transcript in Jennifer and Fotis Dulos divorce hearing to be examined

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

The state Supreme Court has agreed to hear a challenge to what has been called a secret order to bar the public from a court proceeding in a case with echoes of previous disputes over access to the judicial process.

The past disputes, which the judiciary has largely resolved in the public's favor, involved influential litigants who persuaded courts to keep their legal business secret. The new case grows from the very public divorce of Jennifer and Fotis Dulos, a bitter break-up that ended with what the police believe was one of the country's most notorious murder-suicides.

The Supreme Court took the case directly, bypassing the intermediate Appellate Court, after Hartford lawyer Jon Schoenhorn appealed a decision by a Superior Court judge, which he argues improperly denied him the transcript of a two-day divorce hearing concerning custody of the Dulos children.

The hearing was called to take testimony from Dr. Stephen Herman, a child psychologist who attracted attention when, in another high profile custody case, he testified that the experts at Yale New Haven Hospital were wrong when they concluded Woody Allen had not molested his 7-year-old daughter, Dylan.

In written arguments filed with the Supreme Court, Schoenhorn argues the public was barred from the Dulos hearing and the transcript was sealed based on a secret

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ARE THE OUTDOORS QUIETER? A HOST OF THREATS ARE IMPACTING CONNECTICUT'S INSECT POPULATION



A beetle maneuvers around a flower at Elizabeth Park in West Hartford on Thursday. Connecticut's insect population has been changing, with some species disappearing and others arriving. **PHOTOS BY JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Sound of silence

By Stephen Underwood | Hartford Courant

It's summer in Connecticut, when many residents' thoughts turn to backyard barbecues, the beach and the bugs that reliably accompany them.

But some residents have noticed their backyards have been oddly quiet since the weather warmed — less buzzing, fewer mosquitoes and fewer bees. Some social media users have commented that they're not seeing as many insects as in years past, which has fueled speculation that the population is decreasing in the state.

The world has lost more than one-quarter of its land-dwelling insects in the past 30 years, according to the journal Science. Pollinators such as bees and butterflies, insects that are crucial to the world's food supply, are disappearing at an estimated rate of just under 1% per year with lots of variation from place to place.

"That number may not seem like a lot but that's 30% over a 30-year span," said Dr. David Wagner, entomologist and professor at the University of Connecticut. "It's obvious to most people just looking out their back window that there's less wildlife today than there was just 20 years ago."

A dramatic increase in Earth's carbon dioxide levels and temperatures, reported by the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in 2021, is shaping Connecticut's insect population as summer temperatures increase and the state experiences milder winters on aver-

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A Monarch butterfly lands on a flower at the Children's Museum in West Hartford on Thursday.



ABOVE: A bee takes flight from a flower at Elizabeth Park on Thursday. **LEFT:** In Connecticut, bees face threats from climate change, loss of habitat, pesticides, bee viruses and parasites.

Running for office a natural next step

Green Party candidate for state Senate seat no stranger to public eye

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Hartford resident Michael Oretade calls himself an urban renaissance man. Among the titles the 29-year-old Oretade can claim are activist, teacher, student, hip-hop artist, the former owner of a record label and comic book writer.



Oretade

And, as of this past spring, he added one more to the list: candidate.

Oretade is running for the 1st Senate District seat, which includes parts of Hartford and Wethersfield, as the Green Party-endorsed candidate in the November election.

He will face longtime Democratic incumbent John Fonfara. Alex Colaiacovo and Mark Greenstein are listed on the secretary of the state's candidate registration list as potential Republican challengers.

It's the first time Oretade is seeking public office, but he's no stranger to the public, at least in Connecticut. Until recently he was the president of BLM860, an activist group that was organized in the summer of 2020 in response to the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

Oretade says running for office

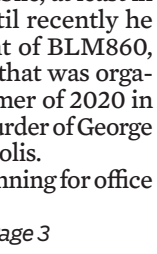
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Bannon to face 1/6 panel

Trump ally changes mind after former president gives OK

By Hope Yen and Farnoush Amiri
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Steve Bannon, a former White House strategist and ally of Donald Trump who faces criminal charges after months of defying a congressional subpoena over the U.S. Capitol riot, has told the House committee investigating the attack that he is now willing to testify.



Bannon

Bannon's turnabout was conveyed in a letter late Saturday from his attorney, lawmakers said, as the committee prepares to air some of its most striking revelations yet this week against

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Djokovic wins 21st Slam title

Novak Djokovic defeats Nick Kyrgios 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3) on Sunday to win his fourth straight Wimbledon title and 21st Grand Slam overall. **SPORTS, PAGE 1**

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At least 1 dead in Connecticut River boating accident

PORTLAND — At least one person was killed and multiple people were injured in a boating accident on the Connecticut River on Sunday, officials said.

One boat was involved in the accident on part of the river that runs through Portland, according to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

DEEP officials said multiple people were injured but did not specify how many or how severe the injuries were.

— Staff report

First responders can't save infant

NORWALK — First responders were unable to save an unresponsive infant Sunday.

At approximately 2 p.m., Norwalk combined dispatch received a 911 call regarding an unresponsive infant. The dispatcher handling the call began providing resuscitation instructions over the phone. Norwalk police officers, fire personnel and emergency medical services rushed to the scene in an attempt to save the baby.

Police said life-saving attempts continued in the ambulance en route to the hospital, but the infant did not survive.

"Our thoughts are with the family that suffered a tremendous loss today and everyone impacted by the tragedy," police said in a release.

— Staff report

Teen charged in Bloomfield stabbing

BLOOMFIELD — A teenage boy was charged in connection to the stabbing of a man during a domestic violence incident Sunday.

Police responded to Crestview Drive after a report of an active disturbance. Bloomfield police said officers were notified that a 43-year-old man was suffering from multiple stab wounds and the suspect, a 17-year-old male, had fled on foot.

The man was found suffering from multiple non-life-threatening stab wounds to his torso and legs, police said. He was given immediate medical attention and taken by ambulance to St. Francis Hospital. The man was listed in stable condition but was being held in the ICU for observation, police said.

Bloomfield officers located the teen walking north on Crestview Drive. According to police, he was holding a small kitchen knife. Officers took the teen into custody without incident. He was charged with first-degree assault, police said.

The man and boy were not identified due to domestic violence and juvenile privacy statutes, police said in a statement.

Bloomfield police said they secured the crime scene and gathered witness statements. The detective division assisted in the investigation and evidence collection, police said.

— Taylor Hartz

Man involved in crash after being shot

HARTFORD — A man was shot in Hartford and then involved in a motor vehicle crash in West Hartford early Sunday, police said.

Hartford police were notified of a motor vehicle crash in West Hartford around 3:45 a.m. and learned that one of the men in the vehicle had been shot in Hartford.

The man, in his thirties, was inside the vehicle suffering from a gunshot wound that wasn't believed to be life threatening, police said.

Investigators learned that he'd been shot in the 900 block of New Britain Avenue in Hartford. The man was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Less than an hour earlier, another man in his 30s was found suffering from a gunshot wound on Baldwin Street around 3 a.m., according to police.

The Hartford police Major Crimes and Crime Scene divisions were investigating both shootings. Anyone with information was asked to contact police tip line at 860-722-8477.

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Trump in what may be its final set of hearings.

"I expect that we will be hearing from him and there are many questions that we have for him," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif. She and other committee members said in television interviews Sunday they intend to have Bannon sit for a private interview, which they typically conduct in a deposition with sworn testimony.

Bannon had been one of the highest-profile Trump-allied holdouts in refusing to testify before the committee, leading to two criminal counts of contempt of Congress last year for resisting the committee's subpoena. He has argued that his testimony is protected by Trump's claim of executive privilege. The committee contends such a claim is dubious because Trump had fired Bannon from the White House in 2017 and Bannon was a private citizen when he was consulting with the then-president in the run-up to the riot on Jan. 6, 2021.

Still, in recent days, as the former president grew frustrated with what he decried as a one-sided presentation by the committee of seven Democrats and two Republicans, Trump said he would waive that privilege claim, according to a letter Saturday to Bannon's attorney.

"Bannon is willing to, and indeed prefers, to testify at your public hearing," Robert Costello, Bannon's attorney, wrote in a letter to Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., and committee chairman.

The committee's Thursday evening hearing will examine the three-hour plus stretch when Trump failed to act as a mob stormed the Capitol. It will be the first hearing in prime time since the June 9 debut that was viewed by 20 million people.

A hearing Tuesday will focus on the planning of the insurrection by white nationalist groups such as the Proud Boys, the Oath Keepers and the Three Percenters, and will also highlight testimony taken Friday from former White House counsel Pat Cipollone.

It comes after surprise testimony last month from former Trump White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson provided the most compelling evidence yet that Trump could be linked to a federal crime. Since then, the committee has seen an influx of new information and confidential tips.



A audio clip of Steve Bannon is played during the fourth hearing held by the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, in Washington on June 21. **DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., suggested Bannon "had a change of heart, and after watching, presumably, all of these people come forward, including Cassidy Hutchinson. ... I'm certain that the committee would be very interested in hearing from him."

Bannon's trial on the two criminal counts is set for July 18. Each count carries a penalty of up to a year in jail and a $100,000 fine. A hearing in his case was scheduled for Monday in federal court in Washington.

It's unclear how much Bannon intends to cooperate. He has expressed a preference to appear before the committee in a public hearing.

The committee is making clear he must first sit for a private interview, typically in a sworn deposition. It's also possible he may opt to appear and then refuse to answer questions, citing his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

The committee says it wants to hear from Bannon because he "had specific knowledge about the events planned for Jan. 6 before they occurred." It cited as an example comments that he made on his podcast the day before the riot.

"All I can say is strap in," Bannon said in that podcast. "All hell is going to break loose tomorrow."

House investigators have been digging into the evidence collected so far about the role extremist groups played in the deadly insurrection and what Trump was doing as the violence ensued.

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., who will lead Thursday's hearing with Rep. Elaine Luria, D-Va., described the upcoming testimony as key to providing a timeline of what Trump did and did not do the afternoon of Jan. 6, 2021.

"We want to show the American people what was the president doing during that time," Kinzinger said Sunday. "The rest of the country knew that there was an insurrection. The president obviously had to have known there was an insurrection. So where was he? What was he doing? It's a very important hearing. Pay attention. Because I think it goes to the heart of what is the oath of a leader."

Tuesday's hearing will explore efforts to assemble the mob on the National Mall and then organize the march down Pennsylvania Avenue, where some armed rioters charged into the Capitol.

Kinzinger spoke on ABC's "This Week, Lofgren was on CNN's "State of the Union," and Raskin appeared on CBS' "Face the Nation."

The New York Times contributed.

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Sunday, July 10

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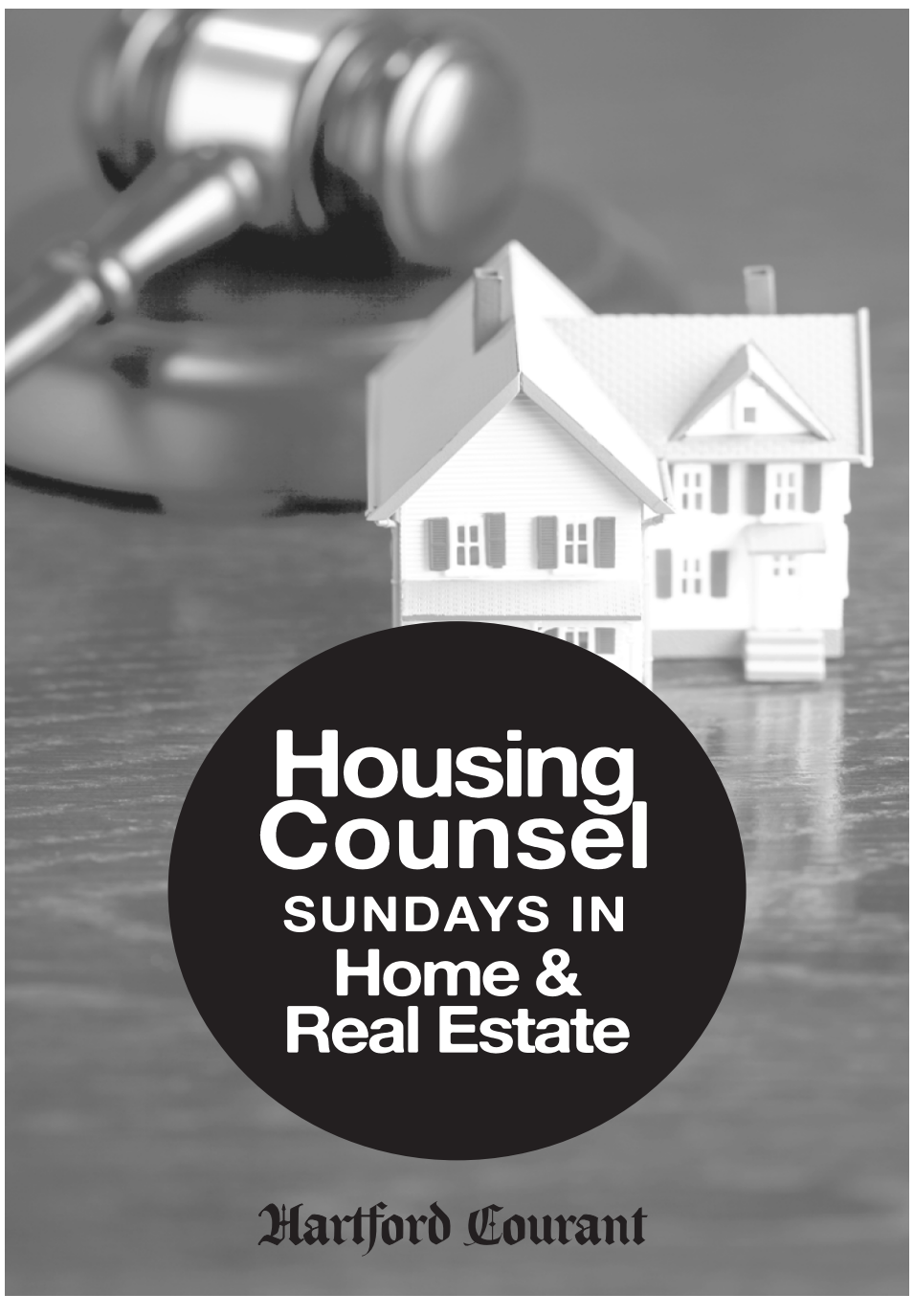
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LUCKY FOR LIFE 14 21 31 35 41 **LB:** 7
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is a natural progression from his activist work because local, state and federal politicians still aren't addressing the biggest issues facing people of color, including racial equity, education, criminal justice, food security, housing and health care.

"There's such a disparity between what people need and what politicians are doing," he says, noting the need for the deploying of mental health services instead of the police for 911 calls, like Denver is doing with the STAR program. "There [are] so many issues we're not paying attention to."

He says more funding is needed for education and support programs, particularly for Black and brown children in disenfranchised communities.

"We've got a lot of complaints about how there was a lot of youth-based crime," he says, "and the immediate measure they wanted to take was locking up the children instead of investing in the redevelopment of our recreation centers and investment in after-school programs and funding nonprofits and give children and young adults jobs and job-training skills to get jobs."

Oretade, a substitute teacher in the Manchester public school system who was born and raised in Hartford, says he was the beneficiary of a job-training program that paid him $7.25 an hour to learn how to create a resume and how to conduct himself in job interviews.

"It really changed my life," he says. "I could have been out on the streets and doing whatever."

He also has big plans for recovery homes and child care, where he sees solutions either through a public program or public funding of private facilities.

"Imagine if we [raise] the taxes 1% and you don't have to pay for child care anymore," he says. "That means everyone gets to share the bill for your child care, whether on a municipal level or just through the state. But it's something we're absolutely capable of doing, but for whatever reason, we're just not."

He says he is 23 credits shy of graduating from Rasmussen University in Ocala, Florida. He says he intends to get his teacher certification after graduation.

"I've dedicated my life to educating the next generations that are coming up after us," he says. "It's in my job description to make a better world and a better place for the people who come after us."



Green Party candidate Michael Oretade wants to change the status quo. He was president of BLM860 in Hartford and feels Democrats and Republicans are not doing enough to protect Americans in light of recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

An activist at heart

Oretade, a 2004 graduate of Prince Tech, has come a long way since he grabbed a megaphone while under the Bushnell Park carousel canopy during the first rally after George Floyd was murdered by a police officer in May 2020.

"It was a wake-up call for me," he says of Floyd's killing. "I always wanted to get into activism dating back to Trayvon Martin."

But, he said, he was like many members of the Black and brown community who felt like they were powerless to effect change.

"We'd ask politicians to change things, and they don't care about us," he says. "That's how I lived my life, too. ... When George Floyd was murdered ... whatever it was it spoke to me and said, 'You have to get out there.' A lot of people felt the same way. We were surrounded by thousands of people."

Oretade and his brother took refuge under the carousel canopy for shade because it was hot.

"We were standing with the organizers, who were white, and they were saying, 'We can't possibly lead this.' I said, 'Hey, we can.'

"I grabbed the microphone. It just happened, we gave a speech on the Capitol steps. From then we formed BLM860."

The group had 14,000 members on Facebook before it was shut down, he says.

"It was a massive activist group. Whenever we said there would be a protest, 500 people would show."

Oretade stepped down from his leadership position on BLM860 to run for office and focus on his campaign. Still, he says he is a part of BLM860 and will speak in support of their issues.

"I didn't want my campaign to conflate any issues that BLM wanted to take on," he says.

An uphill battle

Oretade acknowledges he has a difficult path to victory as he faces Fonfara, who has held the seat since 1996 and has garnered at least 71% of the vote in each of his biennial elections, according to the secretary of the state's website.

But Fonfara is also a major reason why Oretade says he is running.

In April 2018, Fonfara told lobbyist Arvia Walker, who was wearing a "Stand with Black Women" button, "I need a 'Stand with White Men' button."

Walker said, after a brief exchange, that Fonfara doubled down and challenged her to walk a day in his shoes. Fonfara later apologized for his comments publicly and privately to Walker.

Still, Oretade says, given that incident, Fonfara "has no right to represent my community."

"I can't imagine someone who supposedly lives in my neighborhood as well as representing my neighborhood could completely disregard the feelings of Black women that live in his district," he says.

Efforts seeking comment from Fonfara were unsuccessful.

Oretade says Fonfara is out of touch with the people he represents.

"We need politicians that actually represent the values that the community has, who actually listen to the community," Oretade says. "I understand the issues that are affecting me. I've lived with a woman of color, who raised me, and I understand the issues she has experienced. I can speak to those issues because I know them."

That includes his mother being denied a C-section when he was being born, Oretade says, resulting in his mother being temporarily partially paralyzed and him with a partially paralyzed left arm.

"I'm such a major advocate for women's rights," he says. "My mother almost died when she gave birth to me."

Gary Rose, a political science professor at the University of Hartford, underscored the long odds Oretade has in unseating Fonfara, given that Oretade is not a candidate from one of the two major parties.

"We've had some minor party candidates, we've had some third party candidates win in the past," Rose says, noting that Bridgeport had a socialist mayor, and Lowell Weicker won his race for governor as a member of the A Connecticut Party in the early 1990s. "But he was a high-profile Republican, a three-term senator.

"When you hear about a Green, most people aren't really sure what the party is all about. Some think right away environmentally, that's what Green stands for. But on the other hand, other parties are seizing that issue, so that's kind of diminished the appeal of the Green Party."

Still, Rose says there is value in having third parties run candidates in elections.

"They serve a purpose because they do at least provide some voters who are alienated from the two major parties at least a political home," Rose says. "To me, that's important. Some people feel that even though their candidates aren't going to win the election ... if somebody does vote for a third-party candidate, at least they can feel they were at least part of the democratic electoral process, despite the fact their candidate didn't have a chance. It gives them at least a sense of input and a voice."

That's not how Oretade sees it. He says he has a group of about 10 volunteers who are preparing to start fanning out and canvassing neighborhoods. He says he's also raised about $5,000 of the $17,000 in small donations needed to qualify for the Citizens' Election Program.

He doesn't have to worry about appearing on the ballot because the Green Party candidate Mary Sanders garnered more than 1% of the vote — the threshold for a party to carry over to the next election under Connecticut law — in the last 1st Senate District election in 2020.

He says losing is not an option.

"I'm going to do everything I can to win this. I can't imagine losing this election," he says. "I can't even picture it. As soon as the people see me, understand what I'm about, there's no way in hell that they will choose a 20-year incumbent over [me]."

And he has big plans for the future.

"One day I want to run for president," he says. "If I can make history by winning this race and changing the way that people view this democratic system and voting for the person and not the party, once I make history, it's a straight shot to the White House. I want to run for the U.S. Senate one day and eventually vice president and then president. That's the biggest goal."

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— and, as a result, impermissible — court order. What's more, he said, after getting a copy of the so-called order it is illegal and invalid because it doesn't comply with stringent requirements judges must follow before closing courts to the public and sealing transcripts.

Jennifer Dulos vanished and was presumed dead within days of the mid-May 2019 hearing. Based on bloodstained car seats and other evidence, the Connecticut State Police believe that Dulos killed his estranged wife and mother of his five children. Her body has never been found.

Dulos was charged with murder in January 2020, but died in a New York City hospital a month later after trying to kill himself in Farmington — in a home he shared with girlfriend Michelle Troconis after his wife disappeared.

Schoenhorn is defending Troconis, who is charged with conspiring with Dulos to murder his wife and later trying to help him avoid arrest by concealing evidence.

With Dulos dead, detectives believe the best hope of finding his wife's remains lies with Troconis, who they suspect is withholding evidence. She is free on $2.1 million bond and accused, among other things, of accompanying Dulos to Hartford the night after the murder while he stuffed bags of bloody evidence into storm drains and garbage cans.

Troconis has pleaded not guilty to all charges and insists she had nothing to do with the murder or cover-up.

Schoenhorn wants a transcript of the custody hearing to look for anything that could help Troconis by revealing what may have precipitated Jennifer Dulos' disappearance. The Dulos divorce case was closed and dismissed in 2020, after the parties were declared dead or presumed dead. A year later, in March 2021, Schoenhorn filed a transcript request with the court reporter who produced the transcript, who is an employee of the state Judicial Branch.

Schoenhorn was told he couldn't have it because the file is sealed. When he couldn't find a sealing order after searching the public file in the clerk's office of the Superior Court in Stamford, he moved in Superior Court in Hartford for an order instructing the court reporter's office to provide him with the transcript.

Attorney General William Tong's office opposed release of the transcript. The office told Schoenhorn a year ago, by email attached to a Supreme Court filing, that there was a sealing order and it was public. Schoenhorn was told he couldn't find it because, due to a clerical error, the public order sealing the transcript had been inadvertently sealed.

"It has come to our attention that there was a clerical error that led to the entire May 14, 2019, transcript being marked as sealed," the email said. "Only Dr. Herman's testimony was sealed. The remainder of the May 14, 2019, transcript, including the court's order sealing the courtroom, was not subject to the sealing order. The clerical issue has been resolved. Please find attached the transcript of the portion of the May 14, 2019, hearing that is not subject to the sealing order."

Schoenhorn said he has been unable to learn how Tong's office obtained the mistakenly sealed order and why he could not. Tong's office declined to discuss the case.

What the Attorney General's office refers to as a sealing order is contained in four pages of the transcript of the May 14 hearing. Presiding Judge Donna Nelson-Heller indicates that she is considering a motion to seal the court — made apparently by Fotis Dulos' lawyer — and Jennifer Dulos' attorney, Reuben Midler, questions whether she has the authority to do so.

Midler refers to the rules of procedure in state court that require, among other things, a presumption of public access, that notice of a potential closure must be given to the public at least 14 days in advance, and that there must be a record of a compelling reason to override the public interest in access to the courts.



Fotis Dulos is escorted out of the Troop G State Police station before being placed in a cruiser. Dulos was arrested and charged with the murder of his estranged wife, Jennifer Farber Dulos, who has been never been found. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

"What I would point out simply with respect to that is that, first of all, the agreement of the parties is meaningless under the rules," Midler told the judge. "Secondly, as I read the rules, counsel is required to file a memorandum of law with respect to the motion, and in addition was required to file the motion 14 days in advance, because the public has to be given notice.

"The problem is that, no matter what order the Court enters, without compliance with the rules, there's always the potential that another Court can reopen the order and order the disclosure of the information, for noncompliance with the rules."

Nelson-Heller responds with reference to "a prior order," and a "hypothetical" situation involving "testimony that was unexpected" and "an emergency situation." There is no additional explanation in the transcript.

"We don't always have the advantage of two weeks," she said.

The judge closed the courtroom after a recess.

"We do have a motion to close the courtroom, and we do have someone in the courtroom who I don't recognize. I would ask you to leave. Thank you," she said.

The transcript indicates that an unidentified person left and the judge continued.

"What we are going to do this afternoon is, I'm not going to post a sign on the door. It seems to be very quiet here. If it turns out we have people coming in and out, I will do that. But I am closing the courtroom during the testimony of Dr. Herman."

In his written argument to the Supreme Court, Schoenhorn argues that he is entitled to the entire, two-day transcript because Nelson-Heller's order closing the court and sealing the record was illegal and, as a result, meaningless.

"Because they illegally closed the court and actually kicked someone out, there is no way to undo that," Schoenhorn said in an interview. "And so it is not a legitimate order. And if it is not a legitimate order, it doesn't have to be followed by anyone. It is deserving of no credit or deference. Unlike a situation where a court issues a legitimate order and is subject to reversal, I'm saying that this wasn't legitimate. It didn't follow any legitimate procedure, It is invisible. It didn't even exist in the docket."

Superior Court Judge David M. Sheridan disagreed. He said a decade-old state Supreme Court ruling in a case called Valvo v. Freedom of Information Commission prohibits a Superior Court judge from modifying a ruling by another trial court judge who has continuing jurisdiction over a case. Regardless of the legitimacy of the sealing order, Sheridan said he was unable to issue a counter order, or mandamus, lifting it.

"But, regardless of the validity or propriety of the order being challenged, the jurisdictional deficiency remains the same. The plaintiff's petition for a writ of mandamus is nothing more than an impermissible collateral attack on the sealing order imposed by the trial court," Sheridan wrote.

Schoenhorn argues the facts in the Dulos case distinguish it from Valvo. Among other things, he said the materials sought in the Valvo case were docket sheets — official court records that influential parties to divorces had persuaded courts to seal. Transcripts, he said, are verbatim accounts kept by independent court reporters and not subject to editing or control by judges.

In addition, he said there is no dispute about the validity of the sealing order in Valvo as opposed to that in the Dulos case, in which the parties are either dead or presumed so.

Schoenhorn said he could ask Nelson-Heller to unseal the transcript but decided, on principle, to challenge what he considered an improper sealing order.

While the Valvo case is blocking disclosure of the Dulos transcript, it ultimately expanded public access to court records by persuading the judicial branch to undertake a review of its sealing procedures.

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Biden faces Mideast policy struggles

President is trying to shift away from Trump's approach

By Aamer Madhani and Darlene Superville
Associated Press



Images of the U.S. and Israeli flags are projected July 4 on walls in Jerusalem's Old City. Joe Biden will make his first visit to the Mideast as president this week, starting in Israel before moving on to Saudi Arabia. **MAHMOUD ILLEAN/AP**

WASHINGTON — Joe Biden took office looking to reshape U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, putting a premium on promoting democracy and human rights. In reality, he has struggled on several fronts to separate his approach from former President Donald Trump's.

Biden's visit to the region this week includes a meeting with Saudi Arabia's King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the oil-rich kingdom's de facto leader who U.S. intelligence officials determined approved the 2018 killing of U.S.-based journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Turkey.

Biden had pledged as a candidate to recalibrate the U.S. relationship with Saudi Arabia, which he described as a "pariah" nation after Trump's more accommodating stand, overlooking the kingdom's human rights record and stepping up military sales to Riyadh.

But Biden now seems to be making the calculation that there's more to be gained from courting the country than isolating it.

Biden's first stop on his visit to the Mideast will be Israel. As a candidate, Biden condemned Trump administration policy on Israeli settlements in the West Bank. As president, he's been unable to pressure the Israelis to halt settlement building and has offered no new initiatives to restart long-stalled peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

Biden also has let stand Trump's 2019 decision recognizing Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, which reversed more than a half-century of U.S. policy.

The Biden administration "has had this rather confusing policy of continuity on many issues from Trump — the path of least resistance on many different issues, including Jerusalem, the Golan, Western Sahara and most other affairs," says Natan Sachs, director of the Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution.

Now Biden appears to be trying to find greater equilibrium in his Mideast policy, putting focus on what's possible in a complicated part of the world at a time when Israel and some Arab nations are showing greater willingness to work together to isolate Iran — their common enemy — and to consider economic cooperation.

"Biden is coming in, in essence making a choice," Sachs said. "And the choice is to embrace the emerging regional architecture."

Biden on Saturday used an op-ed in the Washington Post — the same pages where Khashoggi penned much of his criticism of Saudi rule before his death — to declare that the Middle East has become more "stable and secure" during his nearly 18 months in office.

"In Saudi Arabia, we reversed the blank-check policy we inherited," Biden wrote.

He pointed to his administration's efforts to push a Saudi-led coalition and Houthis to agree to a U.N.-brokered cease-fire — now in its fourth month — after seven years of a war that has left 150,000 people dead in Yemen. Biden also cited as achievements his administration's role in helping arrange a truce in last year's 11-day Israel-Gaza conflict, the diminished capacity of the Islamic State terrorist group in the region and ending the U.S. combat mission in Iraq.

But Biden has largely steered away from confronting some of the region's most vexing problems, including some that he faulted Trump for exacerbating.

While Biden often talks about the importance of relationships in foreign policy, his decision to visit the Mideast for a trip that promises little in the way of tangible accomplishments suggests he's trying to invest in the region for the longer term.

Biden has met every Israeli prime minister dating back to Golda Meir, has a long-standing relationship with Jordan's King Abdullah II and was deeply involved as vice president in helping President Barack Obama wind down the Iraq War. But Biden sees the rise of China as the most pressing crisis facing the West and has been less oriented toward the Middle East.

"He doesn't have the personal relationships. He doesn't have the duration of relationships," said Jon Alterman, director of the Middle East Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

He also arrives at an uncertain moment for Israeli leadership. Former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and Yair Lapid last month dissolved the Knesset as their politically diverse coalition crumbled. Lapid, the former foreign minister, is now the caretaker prime minister.

Two of the most closely watched moments during Biden's four-day Middle East visit will come when he meets with Israeli opposition leader and former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and when he sees the Saudi crown prince. But neither encounter is likely to dramatically alter U.S.-Mideast political dynamics.

"Both of these leaders in my judgment are now looking past the Biden administration, and looking very much forward to the return of Donald Trump or his avatar," said Aaron David Miller, who served six secretaries of state as an adviser on Arab-Israeli negotiations and now is a senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russian rocket attack hits buildings, kills at least 15

Rescuers work to save those trapped in residential area

By Francesca Ebel
Associated Press



Rescue workers on Sunday sift through rubble after a Russian rocket attack destroyed several buildings late Saturday in the eastern Ukrainian town of Chasiv Yar . **NARIMAN EL-MOFTY/AP**

CHASIV YAR, Ukraine. — Dozens of Ukrainian emergency workers labored Sunday to pull people out of the rubble after a Russian rocket attack smashed into apartment buildings in eastern Ukraine, killing at least 15 people. More than 20 people were believed still trapped.

The strike late Saturday destroyed three buildings in a residential section of the town of Chasiv Yar, inhabited mostly by factory workers.

On Sunday evening, rescuers were able to remove enough of the bricks and concrete to retrieve a man who had been trapped for almost 24 hours. Rescuers laid him on a stretcher, and he was taken to a hospital.

Ukraine's Emergency Services said the latest rescue brought to six the number of people dug out of the rubble. Earlier in the day, they made contact with three others still trapped beneath the ruins.

Pavlo Kyrylenko, governor of the Donetsk region that includes Chasiv Yar, said an estimated 24 people were believed still trapped, including a 9-year-old child.

Cranes and excavators worked alongside rescue teams to clear away the ruins of one building, its walls completely shorn off by the impact of the strike. The thud of artillery on the nearby front line resonated just a few miles away, making some workers flinch and others run for cover.

Valerii, who gave only his first name, was desperately waiting to hear news of his sister and 9-year-old nephew, who lived in the collapsed building and had not answered his calls since Saturday night.

"Now I'm waiting for a miracle" he said, as he stood before the ruins and started to pray, hands clasped together tightly.

"We do not have good expectations, but I am avoiding such thoughts," he said.

Kyrylenko said the town of about 12,000 was hit by Uragan rockets that are fired from truck-borne systems. Chasiv Yar is 12 miles southeast of Kramatorsk, a city that is a major target of Russian forces as they grind westward.

However, later Sunday, Viacheslav Boitsov, deputy chief of emergency service in the Donetsk Region, told The Associated Press that four shells hit the neighborhood and they were likely Iskander missiles.

Residents said they heard at least three explosions and that many people were badly wounded in the blasts. A group of neighbors sat Sunday in a courtyard quietly discussing who was wounded and who was still missing.

"There was an explosion, all the windows blew out, and I was thrown to the ground, said 45-year-old Oksana, who gave only her first name. She was in her third-floor apartment when the missiles struck.

"My kitchen walls and balcony have completely vanished," she added, struggling to hold back tears. "I called my children to tell them I was alive."

Irina Shulimova, a 59-year-old retiree, recalled the terror.

"We didn't hear any incoming sound, we just felt the impact. I ran to hide in the corridor with my dogs. Everyone I knew started calling me to find out what had happened. I was shaking like a leaf," she said.

Front doors and balconies were torn apart in the blast, and heaps of twisted metal and bricks lay on the ground. Crushed summer cherries were smeared on shattered window panes.

A 30-year-old technology worker named Oleksandr said his mother was among those injured in the explosion.

"Thank God I wasn't injured, it was a miracle," he said, touching the crucifix around his neck.

Although the home he shares with his mother is now shattered, he said he doesn't plan to leave the neighborhood.

"I only have enough money to support myself for another month. Lots of people are fed up already of refugees coming from the east — no one will feed or support us there. It's better to stay," said Oleksandr, who declined to give his surname.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused the Russians of intentionally targeting civilians.

"Anyone who orders such strikes, everyone who carries them out in ordinary cities, in residential areas, kills absolutely consciously," he said in an address to Ukrainians on Sunday night. "After such hits, they won't be able to say that they didn't know or didn't understand something."

Saturday's attack was just the latest in a series of strikes against civilian areas in the east, even as Russia repeatedly claims it is only hitting targets of military value.

Israeli leader hoping to forge formal diplomatic ties with Saudi Arabia

By Emily Rose
Associated Press



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JERUSALEM — Israel's prime minister expressed hope Sunday that his country will establish formal diplomatic ties with Saudi Arabia, days before President Joe Biden visits the two countries as part of a regional trip.

Israel and Saudi Arabia do not have official diplomatic relations, but have shared clandestine security ties over a mutual enmity of regional archrival Iran. The kingdom is widely believed to be among a handful of Arab states weighing open ties with Israel.

"Israel extends its hand to all the countries of the region and calls on them to build ties with us, establish relations with us, and change history for our children," Prime Minister Yair Lapid said during a weekly Cabinet meeting.

He said Biden will carry "a message of peace and hope from us" when he embarks for Saudi Arabia.

Israel's ties with Arab states have grown since normalizing relations with four Arab states in 2020 as part of the U.S.-brokered Abraham Accords. Defense cooperation has tightened since the Pentagon switched coordination with Israel from U.S. European Command to Central Command, or CENTCOM, last year.

The move lumped Israel's military with those of former enemy states, including Saudi Arabia and other Arab nations that have yet to recognize Israel.

Biden is set to arrive in Israel Wednesday for three-day trip that will also include meetings with Palestinian officials in the occupied West Bank. From there, he will fly directly to Saudi Arabia.

In an opinion piece in the Washington Post on Sunday, Biden said he's aiming to bring the two countries closer together.

"I will also be the first president to fly from Israel to Jiddah, Saudi Arabia," Biden wrote.

"That travel will also be a small symbol of the budding relations and steps toward normalization between Israel and the Arab world, which my administration is working to deepen and expand."

Formal ties with Saudi Arabia would be a major diplomatic coup for Israel. The kingdom has been publicly reticent about acknowledging cooperation with Israel.

Saudi Arabia's King Salman has been a longtime supporter of the Palestinians and their desire to establish an independent state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem.

Israel captured all three areas in 1967, though it withdrew its forces and settlers from Gaza in 2005.

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Iran enriches uranium using new centrifuges with nuke talks stalled

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TEHRAN, Iran — Iran announced Sunday that it has begun enriching uranium up to 20% at its underground Fordo nuclear plant, state TV reported, an escalation that comes amid a standoff with the West over its tattered atomic deal.

That Tehran is enriching uranium up to 20% purity — a technical step from weapons-grade levels of 90% — with a new set of its most advanced centrifuges at a facility deep inside a mountain deals another blow to the already slim chances of reviving the accord.

Behrouz Kamalvandi, a spokesman for Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, said uranium enriched to 20% was collected for the first time from advanced IR-6 centrifuges on Saturday. He said Iran had informed the U.N. nuclear watchdog about the development two weeks ago.

Centrifuges spin enriched uranium into higher levels of purity. Tehran's 2015 nuclear agreement with world powers had called for Fordo to become a research-and-development facility and restricted centrifuges there to non-nuclear uses.

Iran had previously told the International Atomic Energy Agency that it was preparing to enrich uranium through a new cascade of 166 advanced IR-6 centrifuges at the Fordo facility. But it hadn't revealed the level at which the cascade would be enriching.

The IAEA, the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog, said that it had verified on Saturday that Iran was using a setup that allowed it to more swiftly and easily switch between enrichment levels.

Iran did not comment on the latest IAEA finding.

Nuclear talks have been at a standstill for months. The U.S. special envoy for Iran, Robert Malley, described the latest negotiations in Qatar as "more than a little bit of a wasted occasion."

The IAEA reported last month that Iran has nearly 95 pounds of uranium enriched to 60% purity. Nonproliferation experts warn that's enough fissile material for one nuclear weapon should Iran pursue it. However, Iran still would need to design a bomb and a delivery system for it, likely a monthslong project.

Iran insists its program is for peaceful purposes.

Gas prices drop: The average U.S. price of regular-grade gasoline plunged 19 cents over the past two weeks to $4.86 per gallon.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg Survey said Sunday that the continued decline comes as crude oil costs also fall.

The average price at the pump is down 24 cents over the past month but $1.66 higher than a year ago.

The highest average price for regular-grade gas was in the San Francisco Bay Area, at $6.14 per gallon. The lowest average was in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at $4.19 per gallon.

South Africa bar shootings: A mass shooting at a tavern in Johannesburg's Soweto township has killed 15 people and left others in critical condition, police said.

Police are investigating reports that a group of men arrived in a minibus taxi and opened fire on some of the patrons at the bar shortly after midnight Sunday.

In a separate incident, four people were shot dead by unknown gunmen at a tavern in the coastal city of Pietermaritzburg on Saturday night.

According to police, two men entered the tavern and randomly opened fire, killing two people on the scene. Two others were confirmed dead at a hospital.



A Bosnian Muslim woman prays at a monument with names of those killed in the 1995 Srebrenica massacre on Sunday in Potocari, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Monday marks the 27th anniversary of the start of Europe's only acknowledged genocide since World War II. The remains of 50 massacre victims identified through DNA analysis will be buried. **ARMIN DURGUT/AP**

Biden on abortion access: President Joe Biden said Sunday he is considering declaring a public health emergency to free up federal resources to promote abortion access.

In remarks from near his family's Delaware beach house, the president said he lacks the power to force the dozen-plus states with strict restrictions or outright bans on abortion to allow the procedure. A Supreme Court ruling on June 24 eliminated the constitutional right to abortion.

Biden said his administration is trying to do a "lot of things to accommodate the rights of women." That includes considering declaring a public health emergency to free up federal resources. But while such a move has been pushed by advocates, White House officials have questioned both its legality and effectiveness, and noted it would almost certainly face legal challenges.

California wildfires: A wildfire threatening the largest grove of giant sequoias in Yosemite National Park more than doubled in size in a day, and firefighters were working Sunday to protect the iconic trees.

Campers near the blaze were evacuated, but the rest of the sprawling park remained open, though smoke that hung in the air obscured some scenic vistas. Over 500 mature sequoias were threatened in the Mariposa Grove, but there were no reports of severe damage to any named trees.

The cause of the Washburn Fire was under investigation. It had grown to nearly 2.5 square miles by Sunday morning.

Temperatures were expected rise and reach the lower 90s in the coming days, but fire crews working in steep terrain were not contending with intense winds, said Jeffrey Barlow, senior meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Hanford.

China bank protest: A crowd of angry Chinese bank depositors faced off with police Sunday, some roughed up as they were taken away, in a case that has drawn attention because of earlier attempts to use a COVID-19 tracking app to prevent them from mobilizing.

Hundreds held up banners and chanted slogans at the entrance to a branch of China's central bank in the city of Zhengzhou, about 380 miles southwest of Beijing.

The protesters are among thousands who opened accounts at six rural banks in Henan and Anhui provinces that offered higher interest rates. They later found they could not withdraw their funds after media reports that the head of the parent company for the banks was wanted for financial crimes.

Outbreak in Macao: The Asian gambling center of Macao will close all its casinos for a week starting Monday and largely restrict people to their homes as it tries to stop a COVID-19 outbreak that has infected over 1,400 people in the past three weeks.

All businesses have been ordered to shut except for supermarkets and others providing essential services. Residents must stay home unless they need to go out, such as for food shopping or to work in a sector deemed essential.

Macao, a semi-autonomous Chinese region like nearby Hong Kong, is facing its first sizable outbreak of the pandemic. The city of 680,000 people recorded 93 new cases Saturday, bringing the total in the ongoing outbreak to 1,467.

Macao's economy is heavily dependent on its casinos and related businesses.

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A deep state of perpetual disbelief

Trust in institutions giving way to faith in conspiracy theories

By David Klepper
Associated Press



Rioters loyal to then-President Donald Trump storm the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. **JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP**

Daniel Wilson believes the Sept. 11 attacks were an inside job. The war in Ukraine is "totally scripted" and COVID-19 is "completely fake."

The Boston Marathon bombing? Mass shootings in Newtown, Connecticut, and Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas?

"Crisis actors," he says.

Wilson, a 41-year-old from London, Ontario, has doubts about free elections, vaccines and the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, too. He accepts little of what has happened in the past 20 years and predicts that someday, the internet will make everyone as distrustful as he is.

"It's the age of information, and the hidden government, the people who control everything, they know they can't win," Wilson told The Associated Press. "They're all lying to us. But we're going to break through this. It will be a good change for everyone."

Wilson, who is writing a book about his views, is not an isolated case of perpetual disbelief. He speaks for a growing number of people in Western nations who have lost faith in democratic governance and a free press, and have turned to conspiracy theories to fill the void.

Rejecting what they hear from scientists, journalists or public officials, these people instead embrace tales of dark plots and secret explanations. And their beliefs, say experts who study misinformation and extremism, reflect a widespread loss of faith in institutions such as government and media.

A poll conducted last year by Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that just 16% of Americans say democracy is working well or extremely well. Another 38% said it's working only somewhat well.

Other surveys reveal how many people in the United States doubt the media, politicians, science and even each other. The distrust is so deep that even groups that seem ideologically aligned are questioning each others' motives and intentions.

On the day before Independence Day in Boston this year, a group of about 100 masked men carrying fascist flags marched through the city. Members proudly uploaded videos and photos of the march to online forums popular with supporters of former President Donald Trump and QAnon adherents, who believe a group of satanic, cannibalistic child molesters secretly runs the globe.

Instead of praise, the white supremacists were met with incredulity. Some posters said the marchers were clearly FBI agents or members of antifa — shorthand for anti-fascists — looking to defame Trump supporters. It didn't matter that the men boasted of their involvement and pleaded to be believed. "Another false flag," wrote one self-described conservative on Telegram.

"False flag" is a term commonly used by conspiracy theorists to describe an event they think was staged.

Similarly, when an extremist website that sells unregulated ghost guns — firearms without serial numbers — asked its followers about their July 4 plans, several people responded by accusing the group of working for the FBI. When someone claiming to be Q, the figure behind QAnon, reappeared online recently, many conservatives who support the movement speculated the new Q was a government plant.

Last week, when a Georgia monument that some conservative Christians criticized as satanic was bombed, many posters on far-right message boards cheered. But many others said they didn't believe the news.

"I don't trust it. I'm still thinking ff," wrote one woman on Twitter, referencing "false flag."

The global public relations firm Edelman has conducted surveys about public trust for over two decades, beginning after the 1999 World Trade Organization's meeting in Seattle was marred by anti-globalization riots. Tonia Reis, director of Edelman's Trust Barometer surveys, said trust is a precious commodity that's vital for the economy and government to function.

"Trust is absolutely essential to everything in society working well," Reis said. "It's one of those things that, like air, people don't think about it until they realize they don't have it, or they've lost it or damaged it. And then it can be too late."

For experts who study misinformation and human cognition, the fraying of trust is tied to the rise of the internet and the way it can be exploited on contentious issues of social and economic change.

Distrust and suspicion offered obvious advantages to small bands of early humans trying to survive in a dangerous world, and those emotions continue to help people gauge personal risk today. But distrust is not always suited to the modern world, which requires people to trust the strangers who inspect their food, police their streets and write their news. Democratic institutions, with their regulations and checks and balances, are one way of adding accountability to that trust.

When that trust breaks down, polarization and anxiety increases, creating opportunities for people pushing their own " alternative facts."

"People can't fact-check the world," said Dr. Richard Friedman, a New York City psychiatrist and professor at Weill Cornell Medical College. "They're awash in competing streams of information, both good and bad. They're anxious about the future, and there are a lot of bad actors with the ability to weaponize that fear and anxiety."

Those bad actors include grifters selling bad investments or sham remedies for COVID-19, Russian disinformation operatives trying to undermine Western democracies, or even homegrown politicians such as Trump, whose lies about the 2020 election spurred the Jan. 6 attack.

Research and surveys show belief in conspiracy theories is common and widespread. Believers are more likely to get their information from social media than professional news organizations. The rise and fall of particular conspiracy theories are often linked to real-world events and social, economic or technological change.

People who believe in one conspiracy theory are likely to believe in others too, even if they are mutually contradictory. A 2012 paper looked at beliefs surrounding the death of Diana, Princess of Wales in a 1997 car crash. Researchers found that subjects who believed strongly that Diana was murdered said they also felt strongly that she could have faked her own death.

Wilson said his belief in conspiracies began on Sept. 11, 2001, when he couldn't accept that the towers could be knocked down by airliners. He said he found information on the internet that confirmed his beliefs, and then began to suspect conspiracies behind other world events.

"You have to put it all together yourself," Wilson said. "The hidden reality, what's really going on, they don't want you to know."

Japan's ruling party in strong showing after slaying of Abe

By Mari Yamaguchi
Associated Press



Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida places a paper rose next to an LDP candidate's name to signify a victory during Sunday's election in Tokyo. **TORU HANAI/POOL VIA AP**

TOKYO — Japan's governing party and its coalition partner scored a major victory in a parliamentary election Sunday, possibly propelled by sympathy votes in the wake of the assassination of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Early results in the race for the parliament's upper house showed Abe's governing party and its junior coalition partner Komeito securing a majority in the chamber and adding more.

The last day of campaigning on Saturday — one day after Abe was gunned down while delivering a speech — was held under heightened security as party leaders pledged to uphold democracy and renouncing violence.

Also Sunday, police in western Japan sent the alleged assassin to a local prosecutors' office for further investigation.

Preliminary vote counts showed the governing Liberal Democratic Party on track to secure a coalition total of at least 143 seats in the 248-member upper house, the less powerful of the two chambers. Up for election was half of the upper house's new six-year term. With a likely major boost, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida stands to rule without interruption until a scheduled election in 2025.

That would allow Kishida to work on long-term policy goals such as national security, his signature but still vague "new capitalism" economic policy, and his party's long-cherished goal to amend the U.S.-drafted postwar pacifist constitution.

Kishida and senior party lawmakers observed a moment of silence for Abe at the party election headquarters before placing on the whiteboard victory markers next to the names of candidates who secured their seats.

In the wake of Friday's killing, Sunday's vote took on a new meaning, with all political leaders emphasizing the importance of free speech and their pledge not to back down on violence against democracy.

"It was extremely meaningful that we carried out the election," Kishida said. "Our endeavor to protect democracy continues."

Among his priorities, Kishida said he will also steadily push for reinforcing Japan's national security as well a constitutional amendment.

Early results suggested a charter change proposal is now a possibility. The LDP and its junior partner as well as two supportive opposition parties together are certain to secure enough seats needed for an amendment proposal, which requires a two-thirds majority in both houses. The governing bloc already has secured support in the other chamber.

The suspect in Abe's killing, Tetsuya Yamagami, told investigators he acted because of Abe's rumored connection to an organization that he resented, police said.

The man had developed hatred toward a religious group that his mother was obsessed about and that bankrupted a family business, according to media reports, including some that identified the group as the Unification Church.

Even after stepping down as prime minister in 2020, Abe was highly influential in the LDP and headed its largest faction. His absence could change the power balance in the governing party that has almost uninterruptedly ruled postwar Japan since its 1955 foundation, experts say.

"This could be a turning point" for the LDP over its divisive policies on gender equality, same-sex marriages and other issues that Abe-backed ultra-conservatives with paternalistic family values had resisted, said Mitsuru Fukuda, a crisis management professor at Nihon University.

Insects

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age. The state has already lost some species that are adapted to colder climates. Rather than going extinct, they still maintain colonies in the Berkshires and northward where it is cooler.

"We've been adding species from the south at a pretty good clip presently since the 1980s that are suited for our warmer climate," Wagner said. "But the state is certainly also losing species due to climate change. Many of them are moving further north as our state continues to heat up."

Some of those lost native species include the arctic skipper, a small woodland butterfly, and the Atlantis fritillary. The fritillary, a butterfly known for its distinct black markings and black wing margins, is now listed as endangered in the state.

"The butterfly population has been the most affected," said Wagner. "We've seen great declines in populations over the last few decades. At this point we're losing about half of a butterfly species a year. While again this may seem marginal, it is a noticeable decline over several years."

One of the relative newcomers to Connecticut is the lone star tick, which is native to the southeastern United States. Named for the silvery-white star-shaped spot on its back, the lone star tick is a vector for ehrlichiosis and a number of other diseases. Chiggers are another unwelcome new pest.

"We're seeing as a result of climate change new ticks and the introduction of chiggers and all the diseases these creatures carry," said Wagner. "The lone star tick is particularly of concern because of the diseases that species carries than can make humans sick. As winters become milder, tick breeding season is coming earlier than before, which means an explosion in the tick population. That's a major concern."

Honeybees face a perfect storm of threats

Honeybees, which play a critical role in the food production system, are also declining in Connecticut, Mark Creighton, state apiary inspector, said.

"Honeybees play a vital role in providing food both nationally and here in Connecticut," Creighton said. "But the honeybee faces a lot of stressors today. For starters, they face loss of habitat, viruses and parasites which are contributing to declining numbers."

The varroa mite is just one of the many threats to Connecticut's bees.

The parasite attaches itself to honeybees much like ticks attach themselves to animals or humans and can be a vector of more than 18 bee viruses.

"The varroa mite feeds on the fat bodies of the bee, which contain the protein," said Creighton. "That is robbing the bees of the royal jelly they create to feed the developing bees and the queen bee later on in the year. By depleting this protein source, they are draining the colony of its life."

Bee viruses are another threat. Many of these viruses, including deformed wing virus, sacbrood virus and paralysis virus, are spread from the varroa mite while others can spread between colonies.

"The deformed wing virus is exactly how it sounds," said Creighton. "Picture your dress shirt coming out of the wash and putting it in the dryer and then taking it out and it's all crinkled. That's what happens to the bees' wings. They get all crinkled. So when it's finally their turn to stretch their wings and fly from the colony, they cannot. The best they can do is hop on the ground and become susceptible to predation."

Steps to mitigate the damage

Such stressors have created a perfect storm that is threatening honeybee colonies around the country especially as human overpopulation encroaches on natural habitat. But Creighton says there are things people can do to ensure success for pollinators like honeybees.

"Protecting our pollinators is something everyone can do," Creighton said. "Plant pollinator habitats can be grown just about anywhere even in urban environments. You can take a straw bale and condition it so that you plant just about anything in it even in the middle of an asphalt parking lot. Everyone can grow things and help create pollinator habitats no matter where you live."

Some of the most popular pollinator plants in Connecticut include Swamp Milkweed, New England Asters, New Jersey Tea, Button Bush, Rough Goldenrod, Golden Alexanders and fruits like blueberry and raspberry.

Wagner said that while climate change continues to shape the insect population in the state, its impact too can be mitigated with effort.

"It may not be a welcome message, but climate change is a reality and it's here in our state," Wagner said. "The state should be actively trying to mitigate the threat of climate change through land preservation. This includes planning green space and corridors where animals can move.

"We don't want to design a state where urbanization is so intense that there are no corridors for animals to move to the north to seek refuge. We should try to help Mother Nature as much as possible to weather the impacts of climate change."

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not who you want calling shots for women

Does it occur to anyone that two Supreme Court justices who have been accused of sexual harassment have now voted to limit women's access to health care?

Joan Palatine, Glastonbury

Thoughtful words from Lawrence Lazor

To say that the op-ed piece by Lawrence Lazor, Republican candidate in the 1st Congressional District, was timely, is an understatement. As a pro-choice Republican like Dr. Lazor, I had mixed reactions to the Supreme Court's decision on Roe v. Wade. His compassionate and common-sense reasoning concerning how this will affect not just women but their partners/spouses and children was compelling. States rushing to outlaw something harkens back the passage of the 18th Amendment (Prohibition) 100 years ago. Abortions will continue; they'll just be the back-alley kind or self-induced and women's health will suffer. I also believe that there was some justification in the court's action. The Roe decision attempted to find a right not found in the Constitution. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg had misgivings about Roe v. Wade, pointing out that the decision was handed down before a consensus was reached throughout the country, saying in 2013, "My criticism of Roe is that it seemed to have stopped the momentum on the side of change."

Vilifying the court (as President Joe Biden did singling out the justices appointed by Donald Trump) serves no purpose and is one of the attention-grabbing tactics criticized by Dr. Lazor. It's difficult but we have to turn down the heat, stop the media-fueled protests and employ common-sense, respectful methods advocated by Dr. Lazor and others. Women's health depends on it.

John Gallup, South Windsor

Rennie correct: Agencies are out of control

Quasi-publics are out of control. Latest: the Connecticut Paid Leave Authority. As Kevin Rennie describes, the Authority's CEO informed employees that they had mistakenly received the $2,500 bonus that state employees received. They were informed that the money would be "clawed back in future paychecks." Trying to find an explanation, Rennie ran into a wall of silence. Adding to the bonus brouhaha, in determining which employees should have received the bonus, the PLA — after almost two years — "... is still determining which employees can join unions and which cannot and to understand the impact of [Gov. Ned] Lamont's union deal on the PLA."

All of this could have been avoided if advocates for paid family and medical leave had prevailed in making the employees state workers under the state Department of Labor. There would have been no question as to who belongs to a bargaining unit and who deserved to receive that bonus. It's another example of lack of oversight and needlessly high executive salaries that ensue when a government function is handed over to a quasi-public.

Win Heimer, West Hartford

Hypocrisy is protected with this Supreme Court

So Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito believes that the 14th Amendment applies only to "unwritten rights" that existed when it was ratified in 1868? Can we now expect him to rule that the Second Amendment applies only to weapons that existed in 1791, when it was ratified? Probably not, as it appears that hypocrisy is still protected.

Jack Marshall, Middletown

Supreme Court ties it all together

Have to hand it to the U.S. Supreme Court. With back-to-back decisions (Roe v. Wade and New York limiting guns in public), they figured out how to push off the "killing" of babies before they are born by waiting till they are part of a classroom five years later.

Jay Sloves, Farmington

Remember: There are many other religions

To those who feel a joyful relief due to the elimination of Roe v. Wade, consider that a precedence has been set undermining the separation of church and state. To the faithful, their religious principles influencing our politics is a blessed achievement. What many of the faithful don't consider is that this has opened the floodgates for every other religion to impose its laws. Religious beliefs should not and cannot be imposed on a secular government.

Michael Cashman, Newington

OP-ED

America is under attack from out-of-touch Democrats

By Leora Levy



Republican candidate for U.S. Senate Leora Levy writes, "America is under attack from out-of-touch Democrats embracing a woke socialist ideology that indoctrinates our children, while spending our nation into economic ruin." **JESSICA HILL /AP**

Independence Day might have passed, but we Americans can thank our lucky stars for living in the greatest experiment in human liberty and freedom the world has ever known. The American founding was as astonishing as it was improbable. The framers built a Constitution designed to rein in government so that citizens would enjoy maximum freedom and check its impulse to control. The farmer, cobbler, lawyer and seaman all became citizen warriors against an ancient tyranny and won. Since then, our form of government has been emulated by new democracies throughout the world. Those seeking opportunity and safety have dreamt of moving to America.

Every Fourth of July, I remember this history and feel tremendous pride in my citizenship. As a child who escaped to this country from Communist Cuba, I know how blessed I am to live in the greatest country in the world, but I also know we must fight to keep this nation great, to protect our freedom, and to stand up for our God-given rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

However, America is under attack from out-of-touch Democrats embracing a woke socialist ideology that indoctrinates our children, while spending our nation into economic ruin. As a result of the Biden administration's policies, with Sen. Richard Blumenthal's backing, Connecticut families cannot afford basic necessities like food and gas, while many parents frantically search for baby formula. Our families don't feel safe in their own communities. There is general lawlessness, encouraged by the left with violence on our streets and in our communities. President Joe Biden and Sen. Blumenthal have created and encouraged an invasion, mayhem and death on our southern border, threatening our safety in Connecticut.

Is this a government accountable to the people? These crises are all self-inflicted. They were created by a Democratic Party driven by resentment, entitlement and sadly, hatred, with a goal to fundamentally change our country. The unified Democratic government has cost each American citizen dearly and clearly shown us that they have nothing but disdain for traditional American values and the Constitution. The radicals in our government have chosen to condescend, rather than represent. They view the widespread suffering brought on by their policies as little more than collateral damage.

Americans have had enough and are ready to ensure their voices are heard and remove out-of-touch Democrats at the polls this fall. The American people will never stop fighting against tyranny, and that is why I am running to be the next U.S. senator from Connecticut.

I understand the fight for freedom. My family, inspired by the Founding Fathers' vision of America and its boundless opportunities for a better life, escaped Cuba and its tyrannical government. I am thankful to live in this country of freedom, personal responsibility and opportunity.

The America we escaped to from communist Cuba is in many ways unrecognizable today. When I go to the store and look around, seeing the bare shelves, high prices for whatever is there, and experience the government overreach in our lives, it seems more like a scene out of Venezuela or Cuba than the United States.

In some states run by Democrats, taxpayers' American Rescue Plan money intended for COVID-19 relief was instead used to push a radical, politically motivated agenda to indoctrinate our kids with critical race theory, according to Fox News. At the same time, Democrats approve of open borders and a criminal justice system that favors criminals over law-abiding citizens. In Biden's America, parents are the enemy. They are called domestic terrorists when they try to get involved with their children's education. Children are told by school administrators to tell them what happens at home and that they do not have to tell their parents everything that goes on in the classroom. This is what Fidel Castro did when he took power in Cuba: He made himself the father figure in children's minds and indoctrinated them to spy on and inform on their parents.

In what parallel universe are we living today? When did it become a norm for worried parents to be deemed domestic terrorists, yet criminals are treated like victims, despite wreaking havoc on cities across the nation?

This is why a red wave is coming that will return our country to its constitutional principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We already see the shift happening, with 1 million voters switching their registration from Democratic to Republican this year. It will even happen in states like Connecticut where Republicans, Independents and traditional Democrats are worried and upset. This might shock pundits, talking heads and the establishment — but it will not shock We the People.

America is the greatest country in history, despite what the left says. The Fourth of July is a reminder of our exceptionalism. Each Fourth of July, I count my blessings and feel great pride in my citizenship. I am running to defeat Richard Blumenthal in Connecticut because he embraces the same socialist policies my family and I fled nearly 50 years ago. He is lockstep with Biden, who prefers to bend over backward to please progressives instead of doing what is right for the American people. Despite Democrats' best efforts to impose socialism, indoctrinate our kids and open our borders, they cannot hide from the repercussions of their actions.

The Fourth of July is a reminder to all that government works for its people, not the other way around. Americans in Connecticut and across the nation will send a direct message this November, declaring that America is a Constitutional Republic, that we live and celebrate our constitutional rights every day and that socialism has no place in the greatest nation on Earth.

I hope you and your family had a great Independence Day. God Bless Connecticut, and God Bless America.

Leora Levy is running for the U.S. Senate in Connecticut. She lives in Greenwich.

OP-ED

Give Ukraine more artillery, and let the Navy break Russia's blockade

By George F. Will
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Before he bestrode the continent and prefigured the ghastliness of modern European history — religious impulses sublimated in politics — Napoleon Bonaparte was an artillery captain. Today, another brutalist of about 5 feet 6 is waging a war dominated by artillery. Vladimir Putin will win it unless Ukraine's allies quickly provide it with more sophisticated modern artillery.

The war in Ukraine is "an extended artillery duel," according to the Economist, whose "science and technology" section recently explained ingenious weapons that can hurl a shell equipped with a rocket onto a moving vehicle 40 miles away. Shrapnel from an airburst shell, detonated at programmable heights, can kill infantry across 2 ½ acres. Both sides have drones to spot the enemy's artillery. Russia has counter-battery radars that can calculate the place where an incoming shell was fired, and hit that place in four minutes. Hence the Ukrainian tactic of "shoot and scoot."

But "smart" artillery is not necessary for Russia's barbaric way of war, exemplified by the 1995 use of low-tech artillery to pulverize Grozny, Chechnya's capital. A Russia-based military analyst tells the Financial Times that Russia's culture of military callousness "derives from a broader authoritarian culture where nobody trusts anybody" — "a culture of irresponsibility."

Serhii Plokhy, a Harvard professor of Ukrainian history, says in the Spectator "how the Russian army fights its wars doesn't change much," and "artillery is an extremely important part of the story," a story of crude artillery's multiplication of collateral damages. British military historian Antony Beevor agrees: "We're seeing a repetition of the atrocities committed, particularly in, say, 1945, by the Red Army." As to where "this brutality ... this casual savagery" comes from, Beevor says: "Russian soldiers are treated rather as the Red Army was often treated by its own commanders," with "contempt" and "a total lack of feeling." This expresses a "national self-image" that "goes back a very long way, perhaps to the Mongol invasions of the 13th century." The belief is that "brutality is a form of strength" and that "cruelty and savagery are legitimate or natural war weapons."

Today, one potential Putin weapon is starvation: waging war on distant children, in sub-Saharan Africa and elsewhere. Their distended stomachs might soon testify to his success in deterring Ukraine's allies from defeating his policy of preventing more than 20 million tons of Ukrainian grain from reaching the world market.

The Economist reports that, last year, Russia and Ukraine were the world's first- and fifth-largest wheat exporters. They provide almost an eighth of the calories traded worldwide, and nearly 50 countries depend on either Russia or Ukraine or both for more than 30% of their wheat imports — for 26 of them, more than 50%.

Although neither the world nor Americans want the United States to be "the world's policeman," for decades, the world's (relative) orderliness and prosperity have depended on the U.S. Navy policing the global commons: the oceans. Hence, for example, the Navy's freedom-of-navigation exercises that today contest China's lawless sovereignty claims concerning the South China Sea.

However, the Navy's strenuous but noble and global mission is perhaps being abandoned where today it matters most: in the Black Sea. Russian naval forces there are preventing exports of the Ukrainian grain that the Russians are not stealing.

Residents of poor nations spend large portions of their incomes on food — in sub-Saharan Africa, 40%. A wave of pain from soaring prices and scarce food might be imminent, but it can be ameliorated if naval forces of nations supporting Ukraine end Russia's blockade of Odessa and other Black Sea ports, and escort grain transports to places from which the cargo can be distributed.

In his memoir, Colin Powell recalled a 1993 meeting where he, as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, expressed skepticism about using U.S. military forces in Bosnia. He thought he "would have an aneurysm" when Madeleine Albright, then-U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said to him, "What's the point of having this superb military that you're always talking about if we can't use it?" Powell, a Vietnam veteran, was prudently wary of military engagements. But reluctance should not become paralysis.

Naval forces — including Britain's mine-clearing talents (to remove mines Ukraine placed to deter Russian attacks from the sea) — should be promptly employed to break Putin's illegal blockade before it has its intended effect of mass starvation. If Putin's nuclear saber-rattling deters the nations supporting Ukraine from using their ample naval competencies to execute a humanitarian policy, his contempt for the West will be ratified, and his appetite for additional aggressions will be whetted.

George F. Will writes on politics and domestic and foreign affairs for The Washington Post.

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OBITUARIES

Diaz, Maria L (Gonzalez)

We are sad to announce the passing of Maria Luisa Diaz of Hartford, CT. She passed peacefully at the age of 99 on July 6, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. The funeral will be held on Friday, July 15, 2022 at DeLeon Funeral Home, 104 Main Street, Hartford, CT with the viewing at 9-11am, burial service at 11:30am at Mount Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield, CT. Survived by her sons, daughter, and several generations of grandchildren.

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Miller, MaryAnn

MaryAnn Miller, 76, of Vernon, CT, passed away peacefully on June 25th, 2022, at Hartford Hospital with her devoted husband, Douglas R. Miller by her side. MaryAnn was born in Beaumont, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Latham. She grew up in Fort Worth, Texas, where Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Brazil gave her a loving home for 24 years. MaryAnn served her country honorably in the US Army. She is survived by her beloved husband of 52 years, Doug. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Virginia Miller of Saco, Maine; Linda Kosier of Troy, Texas and a nephew, Bob Layen of Aledo, Texas.

A very heartfelt thank you to Dr. Jeffery Kluger, Dr. Jefferey Walden, and the nursing staff; you never gave up on her heart. To Christine Cosgrove, Sara Kurker, and all the nurses at the Bridge Infusion Center of Hartford Hospital; You will always hold a very special place in my heart. Thank you all, with love.

MaryAnn will not suffer any longer for now you are at peace with our Lord. To my Yellow Texas Rose, you are forever in my heart; love, Doug. Please share online expressions of sympathy and memories at www.rose-hillfuneralhomes.com

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Spitler, Jr., Richard Paul



Richard Paul Spitler, Jr., 66 of W. Hartford entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, July 6, 2022. Richard was the beloved husband of nine years to Hiek Ly. Born May 20, 1956 in Pontiac, MI to the late Richard P. Sr, and Mary Lynn (Gross) Spitler. He had resided in W. Hartford for the past nine years, Enfield for 20 years, Baltimore, MD, and Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Richard was a graduate of Florida State University. Prior to retiring Richard was employed with The Hartford Insurance Co. for 40 years. He was a former member of the Shaker Bowl Bowling League and proud coach for many years in the Enfield Girls Softball League. He was also known by those who loved him as an avid coin collector, expert taste tester, storyteller, advise giver and devoted pet lover.

In addition to his wife Hiek, he is survived by two daughters Michelle Spitler of Enfield and Dorie Lynne and husband Aaron of Houston, TX, along with a loving granddaughter Audrey Lynne. He is also survived by his siblings Sandra Simms, Scott, Greg, Rob and William Tracy, as well as many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Richard was predeceased by his 1st wife Audrey P. (Weisberg) Spitler (2001) and a sister Sharon Straughn.

Funeral services for Richard will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, with calling hours from 9:00 to 11:00 am followed by a service at Browne Memorial Chapels, Enfield. Interment will take in the Hazardville Cemetery, Enfield.

To leave an online condolence message visit: www.brownememorialchapels.com.

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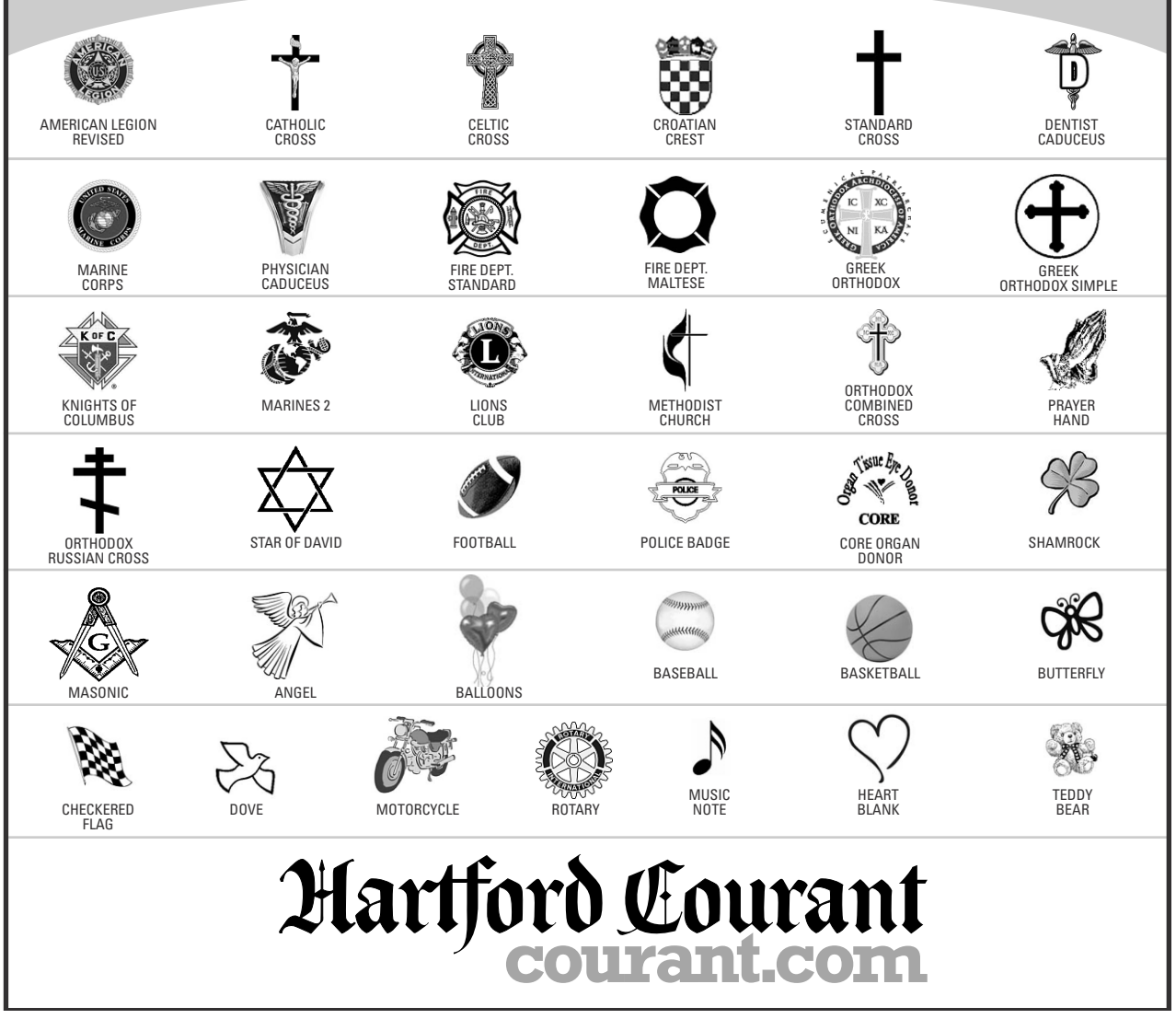
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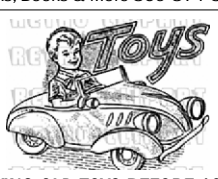


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Town of Avon
60 West Main Street
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INVITATION TO BID
BID NO. 2022-07

The Town of Bethel will be accepting sealed bids for the Bergstrom Well Water Treatment Plant (WTP) until 9:45 A.M., local time at the office of the Purchasing Agent, I School St, Bethel, CT 06801 and then publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 A.M. in Meeting Room A of the Municipal Center and via video/teleconference video link: h s://us02web.zoom.us/73608400545 Meetin ID:360 840 0545. In general, the work consists of the installation of a submersible well pump with a pitiless adapter and associated raw water piping and electrical equipment, construction of a new 1.152-MGD water treatment plant in Bethel, Connecticut. The treatment process includes a GreensandPlusTM pressure filtration system for iron and manganese removal, chemical feed systems, backwash recycling system, settled solids waste system, backwash source supply tank, backwash recycle tank, wastewater and residual pump stations, and ancillary equipment and controls. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, 10 A.M. Interested bidders are specifically directed to carefully review the full Invitation to Bid on the Town's web
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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be accepted for the Purchase of New School Buses until Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. in the Finance Office at the Newington Board of Education, 200 Garfield Street, Newington, CT. Bids will be opened at that time.
Bidders are welcome to bid on buses individually as the Newington Board of Education will treat each part of the bid independently. All bid prices must be held until October 31, 2022. It is possible that additional orders will be placed with the low bidder during the next six months. There will be a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022. This meeting will be held virtually. Interested bidders should contact Samuel Fletcher at sfletcher@npsct.org for more information.
General specifications and other bid data may be obtained at the above address or from the Newington Board of Education website www.npsct.org under Departments, Finance & Operations, Current Bid Opportunities.
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

PAMELA KATHERINE GUENARD,)
Plaintiff,)
)
)

vs.) Civil Action No. 22-DM-0254

)
)
RICHARD LEO GUENARD, II,)
Defendant.)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:
1. That the Defendant, Richard Guenard, II, shall be served with proper notice by Publication through The Hartford Courant.
2. That notice shall run one (1) time per week for four (4) consecutive weeks in The Hartford Courant, ending no later than six (6) days prior to the Hearing as set forth in this Order, thereby satisfying the Service requirements set forth by T.C.A. § 21-1-203 and 21-1-204.
3. That if Defendant, Richard Guenard, II, does not file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Washington County, Tennessee and with Plaintiff's Counsel, Chase A. Baker, whose address is P.O. Box 70, Greeneville, Tennessee 37744, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice that a hearing will be set for this cause before the Honorable Chancellor, John C. Rambo, at the Washington County Chancery

Court, located at 108 W. Jackson Boulevard, Suite 2157, Jonesborough, Tennessee 37659, that action shall be taken by this Honorable Court to default the Defendant and enter Judgment in favor of the Plaintiff, Pamela Guenard.
4. That Judgment in favor of the Plaintiff, Pamela Guenard, will result in the marital assets and debts being divided equitably and that this cause of action will be adjudged in accordance with a separately filed Final Divorce Order.

JOHN C. RAMBO
HONORABLE CHANCELLOR

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‘Singing principal’ commands attention

Latanya Farrell brings energy, joy and talent to school and stages

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

When a student at Stafford Elementary School in Bristol accomplishes something special, they’re likely to be serenaded in the hallway with a soulful rendition of the Alicia Keys hit that affirms, “This girl (or guy) is on fire, This girl (or guy) is on fire.”

The students always smile and sometimes they even sing back to the performer — school principal Latanya Farrell.

Farrell, a professional singer who graces outdoor stages and indoor venues throughout Greater Hartford, is known as “the singing principal.” She brings her singing everywhere in the school — to morning announcements, to lunch, to the hallways. They even dance.

“We sing a lot; we dance a lot,” Farrell said. “I think it just brings positive energy and joy.”

At night and on weekends, Farrell takes her talent to the performing stage at outdoor concerts, restaurants and other venues.

She trades her daytime suits and dresses for shiny, glittery and skimpier — yet respectful — attire that showcases an adored tattoo across her shoulder blades. The tattoo is of hearts, a G clef, a peace sign, a ladybug and an apple.

Fans say Farrell not only brings the same clear, strong, soulful voice to the stage as she does to the school, but also the gifts that serve her well as an educational leader — energy, joy, positivity and the ability to command the crowd.

“She’s a very talented performing artist and full of expression. She

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“We sing a lot; we dance a lot. I think it just brings positive energy and joy.”

— Stafford Elementary School principal Latanya Farrell

Stafford Elementary School principal Latanya Farrell brings her singing everywhere — to morning announcements, to the hallways and to stages across Greater Hartford. **CANDACE JEFFERY PHOTOGRAPHY**



The Red Team cheers for mentor Bella Tucker as she races to fill a bucket with a cup of water during afternoon games at Camp No Limits at Quinnipiac University on Friday. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

‘You can see their confidence grow’

Camp No Limits inspires kids with limb difference and loss

By Stephen Underwood
Hartford Courant

Hunter Robertshaw, an 18-year-old who is a senior at Downington West High School in Pennsylvania, enjoys competitive sled hockey, golf and weightlifting in his free time. Robertshaw, who was born without a tibia bone in his right leg and uses a prosthetic, doesn’t let that define who he is.

“I feel like it doesn’t affect me at all,” he said. “I’ve done so much in my life, and there’s a lot more I’m going to do.”

Hunter and his mother Michelle drove more than three hours from Pennsylvania to attend Camp No Limits at Quinnipiac University’s York Hill Campus on Thursday. The overnight camp, whose mission is to educate, empower and support young people with limb loss and limb difference, runs four days every year at the college. There were 11 campers this year at Quinnipiac, but in years past there have been more than 20. The camp is available to kids up to age 18, after that age campers can volunteer or be a mentor. Camp fees are $500, according to its website.

Camp No Limits, which began in Maine in 2004, has since grown to more than nine states. Quinnipiac University’s occupational

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Boy killed in Fairfield shooting

Police say single shot was fired during fight at teen’s birthday party

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

A boy was killed and a woman was wounded when a fight broke out at a 13-year-old’s birthday party at a banquet hall in Fairfield and someone fired a single shot, police said.

About 10:30 p.m., Fairfield police received several 911 calls from people reporting gunshots at the banquet hall at Calvin United Church on Kings Highway East near Hibiscus Street, according to the Fairfield Police Department.

When officers arrived, they found a boy who was unresponsive lying in a hallway and immediately started trying to revive him. He was rushed by ambulance to St. Vincent’s Medical Center, where he died, police said.

Police said the boy was a juvenile but did not provide his age.

Shortly after, a woman showed up to the hospital with a gunshot wound to her jaw, police said.

Investigators learned that a person who wasn’t a member of the church and wasn’t a resident of Fairfield had rented out the banquet hall for a birthday party for a 13-year-old, according to police. During the party, a fight broke out and one person — who knew the boy who died — fired one bullet that struck both people who were shot, police said.

The shooter then fled from the party and — having heard the gunshot — many of the party-goers rushed out of the banquet hall. At least three of them were injured while fleeing the shooting scene, police said.

The Connecticut State Police, Westport, Stratford , and Easton police were all called to the scene to help with crowd control as officers from Fairfield secured the crime scene.

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A new home for Conny the Whale

West Hartford icon likely to remain close to Children’s Museum site

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — Google “West Hartford” and chances are very good that one of the first images you will see is Conny the Whale, a familiar — and well-loved — sight outside The Children’s Museum, so much so the sculpture has become synonymous with the town.

And now, it appears likely the 60-foot, 20-ton Conny not only will be staying in town but near where he has been moored since the mid-1970s: just across the street, on the Trout Brook greenway.

With the museum property sold for redevelopment, the museum and its day care also are expected to relocate to temporary space elsewhere in West Hartford this fall and later, to a new, permanent home, perhaps in East Hartford.



Conny the Whale was originally conceived as a face for the “Save the Whale” movement in the 1960s and 1970s. The 60-foot, 20-ton sculpture is made mostly of “ferro-cement.” **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

The future of Conny — originally conceived as a face for the “Save the Whale” movement rooted in the 1960s and 1970s and a life-size model of a sperm whale, the state animal — turned uncertain with a buyer being found for the property.

Not only was the museum trying to find a new location, it wrestled with whether or not Conny would

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Decision coming soon on Evergreen Walk project

Apartments could bring an estimated $400,000 in new tax revenue

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

As Evergreen Walk prepares to welcome two prominent new tenants, South Windsor planners likely will decide Tuesday on a proposal for 165 apartments at the retail hub.

The idea got extensive public support and only mild criticism at a recent hearing, and Town Manager Michael Maniscalco wrote that it will bring in an estimated $400,000 in new tax revenue.

Small and large merchants along with tenants of the existing Tempo apartments told planners they’re enthusiastic about more housing next to Evergreen Walk, which has struggled with commercial vacancies for several years after opening to good-sized crowds in 2004.

This year, plaza managers announced that Shake Shack and Whole Foods will be opening new outlets there, two of the best-known names to locate at Evergreen Walk in years. Last fall, Costco opened a 163,000-square-foot warehouse outlet alongside the property.

Costco told the planning and zoning commission that it supports the plan for new apartments nearby.

“Like all retailers, Costco relies on a healthy and diverse consumer market of neighboring homes and residences,” Ernie Annibale, a Costco regional manager, told the commission in a June 17 email. “The addition of 165 new units at Evergreen Walk will surely add customers for not only Costco, but for all our neighboring businesses at Evergreen Walk and throughout the area.”

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connects with the audience almost immediately," said Tom Faniel, a retired Meriden principal, now a leadership coach for new principals. Farrell was among his coachees. She became principal at Stafford in 2020.

Faniel, who also sang professionally while he was a principal, said because of Farrell's style, "The kids don't feel afraid to express themselves — which is what you want.

"The kids love her because she's always aspiring. She's true to her values — to be kind, respectful and true to yourself."

Farrell's mother told her she has been singing since she was a baby. Though Farrell doesn't remember that, she does recall listening "over and over" to her parents' 45 records and eight-track tapes.

"Music has always been a part of me — in me, around me," Farrell said.

It wasn't until around seventh grade that Farrell began singing formally in church, and then continued in high school in choir and madrigals.

She mostly took a break in college — a national anthem here and there — because her focus was on earning a teaching degree and planning for a family.

"I love, love, love learning," she said. "I think I'm a super curious person who loves to laugh. The thought of being in a school really made me happy."

She returned to singing in a big way after being named champion of the 2003 Connecticut Star Search competition.

Farrell, who lives in West Hartford, made the audition tape for the contest at the last minute after the relentless urging of her hairdresser, who heard Farrell's impromptu singing in the salon. At the time, Farrell was juggling her son, Jason, a toddler who now 21, and daughter, Jordan, an infant who is now 19.

"I thought, 'Let me just try this,' " she said. She sang Mariah Carey's "Hero." She made it to the finals, and she won.

WFSB meteorologist Scot Haney, who oversaw the contest and has remained friends with Farrell — even reading to kids at Stafford — recalls that Farrell was holding her infant daughter in the tape.

"As soon as I saw the video I said, 'We have a winner,' " Haney said. He has watched her perform often since, and she's joined him onstage for a Christmas show.

Farrell, who taught elementary, middle and high school before becoming an administrator, said she's always loved kids.

Music has always been in her education mix, whether a "jazzy" version of the ABC song in a kindergarten class or the upbeat and affirming, "You Are My Sunshine."

"I'd sing for my students all the time. I can't help it," she said. "I would just burst out in song."

During morning announcements, Farrell sings "Happy Birthday" if there are any birthdays among students or staff and, if not, her own version of "You Are My Sunshine," with some lyrics tailored to Stafford's mission.

She even asks students what style they want the songs in — jazzy, hip-hop, country, R&B or some other genre.

"If kids are having a meltdown, she'll dance and sing with them to get them centered," said the school's head secretary, Nicole Mason. "If she sees a kid in the hall and knows he has a favorite song, she will start singing to them."

Mason said her boss has the "patience of a saint" and is so remarkably high energy that she even hula hoops.

The music at the school is a bonus, parents of children at Stafford say, because Farrell has so many other great qualities as a principal.

She's caring, communicative, patient, kind, quick to give a reassuring hug and puts all 365 of her kids first, they said.

"The school couldn't have a better person as principal. ... She's absolutely wonderful," said parent Gabrielle Mulcunry. "She communicates with the parents. She communicates with the children. It's the highlight of their day if they see her. She lights up their world."

Parent Sara Jones said she's gone through 21 years at Stafford, and Farrell is "best principal we have ever had."

"When you bring her a problem, she resolves it quickly," Jones said. "As soon as you walk into the school, you can feel the positive energy that she brings. Principal Farrell uses music to reach the kids' soul, to give them something fun to look forward to."

In her performances, Farrell blends her original music with popular cover tunes and packs a crowd and the dance floor. Her website states that her vocal talent and style have been influenced by Whitney Houston, Natalie Cole, Alicia Keys, Aretha Franklin, Mariah Carey and Jill Scott.

Farrell has a regular gig every third Thursday at The Russell restaurant in West Hartford and lots of outdoor summer concerts, private parties and fundraisers. On Wednesday, she will perform in Elizabeth Park in West Hartford at 6:30 p.m. on the John G. Martin Foundation Stage.

Farrell said she's in a good spiritual place.

"I've seen a lot of pain and hurt at a young age into adulthood. ... I feel my life is really aligned now. My path is so clear," she said.

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The woman's condition was stabilized, and she was later released from the hospital, police said.

The Fairfield Police Detective Bureau and the Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crimes Squad were investigating the shooting.

Anyone with information is asked to submit an anonymous tip through the Fairfield police mobile app or by texting FPDCT and their tip to 847411.

The department expressed its condolences to the loved ones of the boy who was killed. He had not yet been identified.

"Our department sends its deepest condolences to the family for this senseless loss of life," the police department said in a statement issued Sunday.

Camp

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and physical therapy programs have hosted the camp since 2015, but due to COVID-19 the event was shut down for the past two years.

"We've been coming to Camp No Limits since 2010 when Hunter was just 6 years old," said Michelle Robertshaw. "This is such a wonderful environment for the kids. They feel safe here, and you can see their confidence grow. We're very blessed to take part in this year after year."

Hunter wants to be a young adult mentor with the organization.

"I want to help people," said Robertshaw. "I want to mentor others so I can make a difference."

Camp No Limits is designed to increase the functional independence of children living with limb loss and provide a network of support for both campers and family members.

"We had four kids our first year and since then it's snowballed into this huge community with 11 camps nationwide," said Mary Leighton, founder and executive director of the camp. "We've had kids even say this is better than Disney World. It allows kids and families to come together and create a community of understanding. Camp is really all about learning how to navigate life from something as simple as how to tie shoes, putting hair in a ponytail or even learning how to drive a car."

Leighton, along with fellow occupational therapist Bambi Lombardi, had the idea of a camp for children with limb difference after working at a private pediatric therapy clinic in Maine. Leighton's first patient, Nicholas, was only 2 ½ years old and was missing all four limbs.

"Watching Nicholas learn how to wash his face, feed himself and throw a ball was just amazing," said Leighton. "Just seeing the smile on his face as he progressed was inspiring. But we could still see when other kids came into the office we worked at that they would stare and look at him differently. So we didn't want him to lose that momentum and we wanted to help him find other kids just like him. That's how it all began."

Each day campers start with "energizer" activities from 9 a.m. to noon and learn different physical and life skills designed to help them in their day-to-day lives. Campers get to try sled hockey, wheelchair basketball, and learning how to drive. .

The events are led by physical and occupational therapists, Quinnipiac students and faculty, and teen and adult amputee mentors.

"This was something that drew me to Quinnipiac's program," said Julia Pecoraro, a graduate occupational therapy student. "I've been wanting to take part in the program here for a while, but because of the pandemic I didn't have the chance to the last few years. It feels great to finally be here with all of our volunteers and campers. It's an amazing program."

Quinnipiac is the first and only institution of higher education in the country to host the camp.

"It's a testament to our program here at Quinnipiac," said Valerie Strange, clinical associate professor of occupational therapy. "It's great to see our students here getting involved and excited about the program."

More information at nolimitsfoundation.org

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be part of the museum's future.

"Moving Conny, to be honest with you, was the most complex thing because it is so revered by so many people," Michael J. Werle, the museum's executive director, said. "And to do it in such a way that we don't do damage to it seemed to be the turning point issue."

To move Conny a longer distance would have required chopping the whale into two or three parts without knowing how well the sculpture would go back together, Werle said.

The cost also was high, as much as $400,000. Estimates to move the sculpture across the street are now being sought, but they are estimated to be far less, perhaps closer to $75,000.

The General Assembly has approved $10 million for the relocating museum, including moving Conny. But it hoped a fundraising campaign will cover most of costs of moving the whale, the museum said.

Conny's relocation plan must still be signed off on by the state Department of Environmental Protection, but the museum said it has been working closely with the agency.

From its original roots, the whale has evolved into a playscape, with generations of delighted children crawling in and out of Conny. If moved as planned, the whale would be sealed on both sides because it would no longer be an interactive exhibit as at the museum and for reasons of liability, the museum said.

Back to where it started

In the 1970s, a fledgling group in Hartford formed the Connecticut Cetacean Society, concerned about the plight of whales, particularly the sperm whale, which had been hunted almost to extinction for its oil.

The group also was instrumental in the naming of the sperm whale as the state animal in 1975.

Conny came to be built at the museum because the society held its outreach programs there. Some of the museum's staff was supportive of the "Save the Whale" movement.

In the years since Conny was built, much of the connection back to being a symbol for saving whales — some still remain endangered today — was lost.

The museum shifted its focus to being more children-oriented, Conny evolving into a mascot and playscape. Meanwhile, the society turned its attention to the international stage.

But the museum and the nonprofit, all-volunteer successor to the original group, Cetacean Society International, came together again on behalf of Conny.

The group agreed to raise the funds, perhaps through a foundation, that will be needed for Conny's maintenance if installed on the greenway.

"Our group feels it should be considered a whale park, for just that section," David Kaplan, a West Hartford resident and the society's current president, said. "For education, history — a very public presence, which is why the whale was built 45 years ago.

"So, this brings us back to where we began. The whale is reborn for the very reason it was built."

'Deep into for months'

As Conny's future becomes clearer, the museum hopes to move this fall to temporary space at the Emanuel Synagogue on Mohegan Drive, pending town approval.

The museum will downsize dramatically because the space at the synagogue is 70% smaller. The museum will narrow its focus to children ages 3 to 8 and there will be fewer animals, exhibits and staff.

The museum will not host school field trips, school bus visits or summer camps. The museum's day care center will move to the same location.

Meanwhile, Werle said a search for a new permanent home has narrowed to East Hartford, with both new construction and renovation of existing space under consideration. He declined to name specific options being evaluated.

"We've been deep into for months now," Werle said. "We really do hope this month we can bring it to closure. But when you're in this game, you never know."

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Roberta Gowing, Cordelia Harrington and Rita Graicerstein, all residents of nearby Kebalo Lane, spoke against the project at the commission's June 28 hearing. Gowing said construction would disturb wildlife on the site, and Harrington and Graicerstein both said the proposed buildings are too high.

But the overwhelming majority of comments were supportive.

"The market demand for apartments in this area is significantly increasing," Tempo tenant Mingxi Liu wrote. "Constructing more residency buildings at Tempo would ameliorate the shortage of high-quality apartments, prevent overpricing and stimulate surrounding commercial activities."

Tenant Matthew Papke was among the supporters who said more housing will be key to the revival of the plaza's retail center.

"It is clear to me that any revitalization of the shops at Evergreen Walk will require additional foot traffic," he wrote. "As a Tempo resident, I frequent the shops, and it has been sad to see so many close due to the lack of customer support."

The owner of M&R Liquors on Buckland Road just in front of the plaza also said planners should approve a zone change for the project.

"As our town's second largest taxpayers, Evergreen Walk's health and stability is of the utmost importance," Gary Rounseville wrote. "The addition of 165 new residential units within walking distance to shops like mine will provide needed new customers and help protect one of the town's most important assets."

Andy Liu, owner of the Sakura Garden restaurant at the plaza, said new customers are increasingly important to Evergreen Walk businesses because of changes in retailing. In most markets, traditional malls and so-called lifestyle retail centers have lost ground to online shopping, which affects both the stores themselves as well as the hair salons, restaurants and service businesses nearby.

"A great deal has changed in the nearly two decades since Evergreen Walk first opened. Consumers have changed how they shop, and retailers and tenants have changed to remain competitive," Liu wrote. "COVID has also taken its toll."

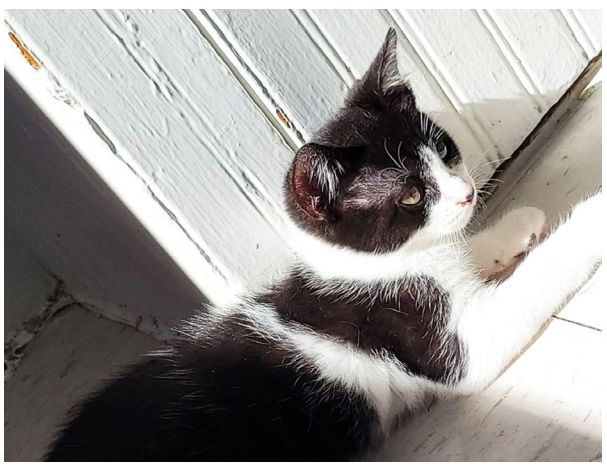
Like many other supporters, Maniscalco told planners that South Windsor will need the new tax revenue and building fees to help pay for $75 million in new school reconstruction costs. And even though the land next to Evergreen Walk was initially planned for more retail, the town must adapt to the shifting retail market, he said.

"Unfortunately, the world of commercial (development) in particular has changed, and with that our original plans need to be rethought," Maniscalco wrote.

The planning and zoning commission in January rejected a previous version of the apartment plan, saying it wouldn't benefit the town. The developer filed a lawsuit and submitted a revised proposal that it says addresses commissioners' concerns; the lawsuit is still pending but is expected to be dropped if the new plan is approved.

The commission is scheduled to vote Tuesday at 7 p.m. at council chambers in town hall.

PETS UP FOR ADOPTION



Luna

Luna is an adorable 8-week-old female. She and her siblings along with their mother were rescued by the shore. They were surrendered by a woman who was not able to take care of them. All her siblings have found homes. Luna and her mother, who is amazingly identical, are looking for their chance to find a home. They may be adopted together or separately. If interested, call AFOC at 860-693-0303.



Mona

Mona was rescued from a hoarding situation. She is a very sweet 2-year-old girl with typical tori-tude. She loves to be petted and will actually ask you to pick her up. She will sometimes nip at you so someone with torti experience or who understands cat behavior is necessary. She would be great as the only cat or with a non-aggressive male cat. She was raised in a home with a small dog so she would be good with a cat friendly dog. Since she has a little cattitude, no small children. Mona is such a sweetheart and is ready to come home with you. Please adopt her. If interested, go to CatTalesCT.org/cats/Mona-2 or call 860-344-9043 or email info@CatTalesCT.org.



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Reviews of movies showing in theaters or streaming online

'THE BLACK PHONE': Adapted from a short story by Joe Hill (the son of Stephen King), "The Black Phone" sees "Doctor Strange" director Scott Derrickson reunite with his "Sinister" co-writer C. Robert Cargill, and star Ethan Hawke, under the Blumhouse production banner, known for its low-budget, high-return horror flicks. Mason Thames stars as Finney Blake, a kid just trying to make it through middle school in 1978 Denver. His dad (Jeremy Davies) is a drunk, and the bullies are brutal (the beatdowns on screen are astonishingly bloody). Plus, all of his friends keep disappearing at the hands of a kidnapper known as "The Grabber," who leaves black balloons at the scene of his crimes. It's only a matter of time before the vulnerable loner Finney gets snatched too, and considering neighborhood stud Bruce (Tristan Pravong), and tough kid Robin (Miguel Cazarez Mora) didn't escape the Grabber, Finney figures he's a goner. Much of "The Black Phone" takes place in the drab basement where Finney is kept by the terrifyingly masked Grabber (Hawke), who occasionally shows up to thoroughly creep him out and make vaguely menacing threats. On the wall is a black rotary phone with a cut cord, but it keeps ringing, and Finney keeps answering. Through the static, voices come through, and Finney realizes these are the voices of the boys who have disappeared before him, coaching him through this experience, giving him tips and tricks and guidance to survive the Grabber's clutches, if not for him, for them. 1:42. 2 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*



Natalie Portman as Mighty Thor and Chris Hemsworth as Thor star in Taika Waititi's "Thor: Love and Thunder." **JASIN BOLAND/MARVEL STUDIOS-DISNEY**

'BOTH SIDES OF THE BLADE': Claire Denis' mysterious and thorny mystery of intimacies "Both Sides of the Blade" opens with a couple, played by legendary French actors Juliette Binoche and Vincent Lindon, swimming in crystal-clear waters on a romantic vacation. They tenderly touch and kiss while Sara (Binoche) floats on the surface, buoyed by Jean (Lindon), who gently cradles her. It's a perfect, if fleeting, moment of peace, but an apt metaphor for the film, in which what lies below the surface of this loving relationship remains a threat. Trouble the waters and one could drown in what is revealed. In French with English subtitles. 1:56. 3 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

'ELVIS': Why hasn't there been a great Elvis biopic yet? Well, Austin Butler wasn't around to star as the King of Rock 'n' Roll. At the center of Baz Luhrmann's sprawling pop epic "Elvis," a film as opulent and outsize as the King's talent and taste, Butler delivers a fully transformed, fully committed and star-making turn as Elvis Presley. The rumors are true: Elvis lives, in Austin Butler. Swirling around Butler's bravura performance is a manic, maximalist, chopped-and-screwed music biopic, in which Luhrmann locates Elvis as the earth-shaking inflection point between the ancient and the modern, the carnival and the TV screen, a figure of pure spectacle who threatened to obliterate the status quo — and did. Luhrmann takes Elvis Presley's legacy, relegated to a Las Vegas gag, and reminds us just how dangerous, sexy and downright revolutionary he once was. He makes Elvis relevant again. 2:39. 3 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh*

'JURASSIC WORLD DOMINION': The "Jurassic Park"/"Jurassic World" franchise always favored a janky, what-should-we-try-this-time approach. Fans of dinosaurs (and who isn't?) and the 1993 Steven Spielberg original based on Michael Crichton's novel, have been forgiving enough to show up for most or all of the sequels, with their new batches of dinosaurs and hilariously secondary humans. As I took my seat for a recent preview screening of "Jurassic World Dominion," the family on my left was debating which was the worst in the series so far: the second movie in the first trilogy or the second in the second. Well, it's neither. I'm afraid it's this new one, "Jurassic World Dominion," and neither its blobby story structure nor a frenetic running time of nearly two and a half hours (longest in the franchise) is the problem, really. The problem is filmmaking craft, and how little director Colin Trevorrow (who made "Jurassic World") brings to bear on the project. Something's off here, all the way through the film's warring personalities and wan subplots. The results may enjoy a big haul this summer, given the film's nostalgic Grand Finale trappings and the melding of the first trilogy's headliners — Sam Neill, Laura Dern and Jeff Goldblum — with the second trilogy's nominal leads. But you know how it is with brand-name blockbusters. Whether they personally bust your blocks means nothing. The IP is everything. 2:27. 2 stars. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

'MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU': I could not possibly begin to explain just how these hot dog-shaped, banana-hued, gibberish-speaking overlords came to infiltrate our culture at every level. The grasp these inexplicable animated creatures hold on cinema is insidious, and they continue their reign in their latest cinematic dispatch, "Minions: The Rise of Gru." They've overthrown their masters in the "Despicable Me" franchise, wrestling top billing away for themselves. "The Rise of Gru" is just another "Despicable Me" movie, a supervillain origin story for beaky-nosed, scarf-wearing, evil aspirant Gru (Steve Carell). 1:27. 1 star. — *Katie Walsh*

'THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER': This is co-writer and director Taika Waititi's aggressively nutty follow-up to "Thor: Ragnarok" (2017). That film zazzed up Thor's corner of the Marvel Cinematic Universe enough to justify more of the same. "Love and Thunder" establishes in the prologue the latest threat to intergalactic extinction: an ordinary soul on a planet far, far away, played by Christian Bale, wandering with his daughter in the desert. He suffers a grievous loss and then transforms into Gorr, the God Butcher, hellbent on wiping out those privileged paragons who, in this outing, forsake mere mortals left, right and center. Chris Hemsworth's Thor is learning, uneasily, to be a more progressive and empathic specimen of godly hunk, a team player instead of a solo act. The storyline concerns, among other things, the children of New Asgard, swept up and kidnapped by Gorr. Their rescue leads the A-team straight to the enemy. 2:05. 2 ½ stars. — *Michael Phillips*

'TOP GUN: MAVERICK': It couldn't outmaneuver the pandemic enemy that delayed its release for two years, but "Top Gun: Maverick" can't lose, really. It's a pretty good time, and often a pretty good movie. It's cozy. And it'll be catnip for those eager to watch Tom Cruise flash That Look. What is That Look? It's the half-smile of insubordination when a superior officer (Ed Harris or Jon Hamm this time) busts test pilot and congenital speed-needer Capt. Pete "Maverick" Mitchell's chops, ineffectively. It's The Look that goes with an eternally boyish voice and demeanor. Capt. Mitchell, who lives alone in the desert with his beloved Kawasaki motorcycle, is called to a new and time-sensitive duty by his old cohort Iceman (Val Kilmer), now a U.S. Pacific Fleet commander. Maverick has three weeks to train a group of new Top Gun aces to destroy a uranium enrichment plant in an unspecified but assuredly Slavic location. One of the trainees is Bradley "Rooster" Bradshaw (Miles Teller), the grudge-laden son of Maverick's late radar intercept officer, Goose, played by Anthony Edwards back when. It's silly-rousing enough to satisfy younger and older audiences alike. It may help to have hated the original, but I liked this one, even though it's not so very different from the first. Thirty-six years from now, we'll probably be watching Cruise teaching a new cadre of flying aces. Only the planet will have changed. 2:17. 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

RATINGS: The movies listed are rated according to the following key: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.

CELEBRITIES

Cardi B rejects 'disrespect' of album

From news services

Cardi B has a bone to pick not just with her haters, but with Rolling Stone magazine.

The rapper recently spoke out about the criticism she received for her ranking on Rolling Stone's "200 Greatest Hip-Hop Albums" list, which came out last month.

"I understand people feel a certain type of way, but don't y'all disrespect me or my work or my album," she said on "Angela Yee's Lip Service," noting on the podcast that she hadn't asked for the ranking.

In June, Rolling Stone published its hip-hop album ranking, with Cardi B's "Invasion of Privacy" earning the No. 16 spot. Her debut album bested other popular works from artists including Nicki Minaj, Kendrick Lamar and hip-hop icons 2Pac and Nas. Music fans decried the rapper's Top 20 ranking on social media.

The rapper went on to tell Yee and her co-hosts that she felt the magazine's ranking was part of a ploy to "make (the list) go viral."

"People wouldn't give a (expletive) about the list, but once they placed mine so high and the classics lower, I feel I've seen those type of recipes all the time," she said.

Cardi B, like her critics, acknowledged that the works by Nas and the Notorious B.I.G., whose posthumously released "Life After Death" earned the No. 59 spot, deserved higher rankings, but said she knows "Invasion of Privacy" "definitely is a classic."



Cardi B, seen June 5, has faced backlash over her ranking in a Rolling Stone greatest albums list. **RODIN ECKENROTH/GETTY**

Rhimes, Quinn writing 'Bridgerton' prequel book: "Bridgerton" executive producer Shonda Rhimes and Julia Quinn, the author behind the novels on which the TV series is based, are banding together to bring a new element to the Regency-era romantic hit.

They're working on a prequel novel, Deadline reported Thursday.

The book, based on the upcoming spinoff series about Queen Charlotte (played on the original show by Golda Rosheuvel), will detail the love between her and King George and its societal implications, according to Deadline.

"Queen Charlotte has been such a moving character to write and now having the opportunity to work with Julia to adapt this story into a book is such an exciting opportunity," said the Emmy-nominated Rhimes.

Harbour lost 80 pounds to play Hopper: "Stranger Things" star David Harbour underwent intermittent fasting and Pilates to shed dozens of pounds over just eight months so he could convincingly play Sheriff Jim Hopper in the recently released fourth season of the series.

"I lost about 80 pounds from season three — I was about 270 (then), and when we shot (season four) I was around 190," the actor, 47, told British GQ in a new interview.

But it was a one-and-done experience for the actor. "I don't think I'll ever do that again," said Harbour, noting he regained the weight while working on an upcoming Santa Claus flick.

July 11 birthdays: Ventriloquist Jay Johnson is 73. Actor Mindy Sterling is 69. Saxophonist Kirk Whalum is 64. Guitarist Richie Sambora is 63. Singer Suzanne Vega is 63. Actor Lisa Rinna is 59. Wildlife expert Jeff Corwin is 55. Actor Justin Chambers is 52. Rapper Lil' Kim is 48. Actor David Henrie is 33. Singer Alessia Cara is 26.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Fertile boyfriend has pattern of selfishness

Dear Amy: I have been with my live-in boyfriend, "Gene," for over three years. He has two children, and I have three.

He recently found out that he has a 5-year-old child.

When we met, he told me he had already established that the child wasn't his, via his mom taking a DNA test, which showed that this baby had no DNA connection to his family.

Well, surprise ... the child is his. Now I feel betrayed and duped.

I wouldn't have been with him had I known about this third child (by three different women).

I am in love with him, and the best way I can describe this emotion is to say that to me, it's the equivalent to being cheated on.

He doesn't understand why I have such strong feelings about this situation. He said I am supposed to support him.

I'm not sure how I can do that when I feel second-rate to three women who have his children, and yet I don't have a child with him. He has told me he has no desire for marriage.

So I am supposed to be his girlfriend for the rest of my life, while these women have a bigger connection to him than I am going to have? I don't want to end things with him, but how can I find a way to accept this and move on?

— *So Many Feelings*

Dear So Many Feelings: I urge you to reexamine your choices — and for now to only do so from the vantage point of what would benefit you and your children.

In the short term, your reaction to this situation is to want what these other women have: a baby with "Gene." From my perspective, if you did have a baby with him, you'd be joining a fairly crowded club of various women who have given birth to Gene's babies.

I hope you double up on birth control, because this man is extremely fertile and also someone who has to be dragged into fatherhood. He either outright lied to you when you met, or is too dim to understand that DNA does not lie.

Furthermore, he responds to your shock by insisting that your role is to support him. Well, his role is to support you, too (and, by the way, all of his children).

Gene has established a pattern of overall selfishness.

Well-matched partners ride life's roller coaster together. If you don't feel that you two are able to do that, then you should carefully reconsider staying with him long term.

You say you want to stay with him. If you do stay, you should accept that you might be riding this roller coaster alone.

Dear Amy: I am a 64-year-old man getting back into dating. I am very affectionate, but I don't want to scare off the right person.

I might take a date's hand while walking down the street, is that OK?

I read about "love bombing" in your column. How can I be my affectionate self and not be "accused" of "love bombing"?

I would not be scared off by someone (like me) that was overly affectionate. It would be refreshingly welcomed!

Can I say something specific to them? How do I share myself?

— *KK*

Dear KK: "Love bombing" describes a specific set of behaviors: showering a person with attention, gifts and romantic gestures. People who do this often amaze and delight a potential partner at first — until it becomes an overwhelming bid for control.

Being your affectionate self is a good thing, but generally, you should follow your date's cues. A woman who wants to hold hands will lean in close and touch you. Maybe don't "take" her hand, but let her offer it.

And yes — of course you can ask, "Can I hold your hand?"

Dear Amy: I have to admit, I read your response to "Devastated Grandma" with tears in my eyes.

This grandparent showed intolerance and cruelty toward her grandson, who had chosen to wear a gown to his prom.

First you took this grandmother to task, and then you really lowered the boom by actually instructing her on how to be compassionate toward this young person. Thank you!

— *Big Fan*

Dear Fan: Many readers have contacted me with support for my answer.

More importantly, they have expressed love and support for this grandson.

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‘What We Do in Shadows’ actor transformed into vampire baby

By Peter Larsen
The Orange County Register



Mark Proksch, seen June 3, plays energy vampire Colin on “What We Do in the Shadows.” **PHILLIP FARAONE/GETTY**

When the third season of FX’s horror comedy “What We Do in the Shadows” ended in October, energy vampire Colin Robinson was — spoiler alert — dead. Sorta.

In death, we learn, energy vampires self-regenerate as wee vampire babes, which meant actor Mark Proksch now would be playing newborn Baby Colin, a challenge he says he wasn’t entirely sure how it would work.

“As a fan of TV, your first thought goes to, ‘Oh God, we’re going to jump the shark, and it’s going to be my character that does it,’” Proksch says as the July 12 premiere of the fourth season approached. “Which is, you know, just your worst fear as an actor.”

But Proksch says creator Jemaine Clement, who had starred in (and co-created with Taika Waititi) the film of the same name, and the team of writers and producers have shown they could handle the wildest of scenarios.

“So when I heard that, yeah, first, I was a little scared,” Proksch says. “But I quickly calmed myself down knowing that the writers would do a great job, and they did.

“It turned out to be an incredibly fun thing for me to get to play.”

While most of the characters in the 2014 film were adapted into the TV series, energy vampire Colin Robinson was a new character when the FX series debuted in 2019. An energy vampire, for those of you familiar only with the traditional bloodsucking variety, drains victims of psychic energy by droning on until they are essentially bored to death.

“The endearing weirdo is kind of how I look at a lot of the roles I play,” says Proksch, who also played warehouse worker Nate Nickerson on “The Office” and nerdy pill dealer Daniel “Pryce” Wormald on “Better Call Saul.”

Proksch says he doesn’t know why the show creators decided to reinvent Colin Robinson as a child, though he has a guess or two.

“My inkling is that there’s only so much that can be done with an energy vampire before they get a little stale,” he says. “The other vampires, you can always create different characters that they’re interacting with or stories they’ve lived.

“With Colin Robinson, the first season he was primarily just a feeder off his roommates and off his office workers,” Proksch says. “And we had talked about how that could become a bit boring for fans, and actually annoying for fans.

“Which is not what you’re trying to do when you’re playing the annoying character. So I think they decided to go as far as their minds could take them with the character and keep it fresh.”

Over the first episodes of the new season, Baby Colin is both a hilarious character and a remarkable feat of special effects. Proksch says he has been amazed, and more than a little disturbed, to see his new appearance.

“They did every technique that they could come up with,” he says. “They shrunk my body. They had child stand-ins. Some of it’s video effects, some of it’s practical lighting effects.”

The voice was crafted in postproduction with software that raised the pitch of Proksch’s voice and emulated what it would sound like coming from a smaller body, he says.

“The early tests for it were pretty terrifying and very scary that it wasn’t going to be pulled off,” he says. “But in the end, they were able to pull it off.”

All of those tricks came after the crew tried out a prop baby with Proksch’s face on it. “Our prop guys are some of the best in the business, so it looked just like me,” he says. “It could move its head, it could move its arms, and for me to hold the baby of me was incredibly eerie.”

Proksch says he didn’t see how he looked on screen until he was called in for some final touches.

“I would catch a glimpse of me as a child, and I would just burst out laughing and ruin the take,” he says. “Because it’s just so ludicrous to see yourself as a baby.”

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Trying to impress someone today could frustrate you. Despite attempts to show them you could be an addition to their lives, you may be met with unwillingness. You can’t make everyone see your worth. You have to find someone who wants to give you a shot.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Your security in who you are may be your saving grace. Knowing what resonates with your soul will be a guide for you today. When someone offers you an opportunity, be true to your authentic self and choose what you would pick if there were no pressure on you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You might be magnetic right now. This means that what you’re keeping your mind on is more likely to be attracted to your life. Focus your thoughts to manifest what you want. Instead of worrying about something going wrong, ask what might happen if something goes right.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A new person in your life could surprise you. You may have been expecting one type of attitude, but they end up showing you a whole different person. There might even be some opposition from them that you didn’t expect. They’re likely just trying to be honest with you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): People may not agree with the way you want to do things. Others could keep trying to give you advice or even take over the project so that they can do things their way. While you can continue to do things your way, make sure your way really is the best way. Otherwise, you may be resisting a better method.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Balancing the people you love and the responsibilities in your life can be stressful at this time. Deciding how to divide up your time will probably require some thought, and giving too much of your time to either one could result in complaints. Pay attention to the details.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You’re likely in the mood to be making moves. However, you may find your efforts are being blocked. Your patience may be tested by situations beyond your control. During delays, it’s best to distract yourself. The rewards for your patience should be worth the wait.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone you love could shock you at any moment. Your core morals might not align as closely as you thought, but try not to jump to conclusions. Allow this friend to explain their feelings to you. Things may make more sense once they’ve shown you their thought process.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your routine might transform into something extraordinary right now. Thinking outside the box could become a necessity, but you have the ingenuity to try new methods to reach your goals. Plus, you might enjoy this new way of doing things and make some changes to your routine.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The logical next step may be concerning to you. Since you’re heading into the unknown, there may not be much past experience to pull from. Don’t be scared — you’ve handled challenges in the past, and everything you’ve done was a new experience at one point.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Tradition could be making you feel quite crabby. Despite the judgment that others might show you when you ignore the status quo, go ahead and be a trailblazer if possible. As long as your methods work, they should eventually realize that you’re really onto something.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be caught between a rock and a hard place. Two people want your support — unfortunately, you’ll be unable to please them both. You can try to determine who’s right, but there might not be an easy answer. Sometimes you can’t make everyone happy.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On July 11, 1859, Big Ben chimed for the first time.

In 1914, Babe Ruth made his Major League baseball debut, pitching the Boston Red Sox to a 4-3 victory over Cleveland.

In 1972, the World Chess Championship opened as grandmasters Bobby Fischer of the United States and defending champion Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union began play in Reykjavik, Iceland. (Fischer won after 21 games.)

In 1989, actor and director Laurence Olivier died in Steyning, West Sussex, England at age 82.

In 1995, the U.N.-designated “safe haven” of Srebrenica in Bosnia-Herzegovina fell to Bosnian Serb forces, who then carried out the killings of more than 8,000 Muslim men and boys.

In 2020, President Donald Trump wore a mask during a visit to a military hospital; it was the first time he had been seen in public with one.



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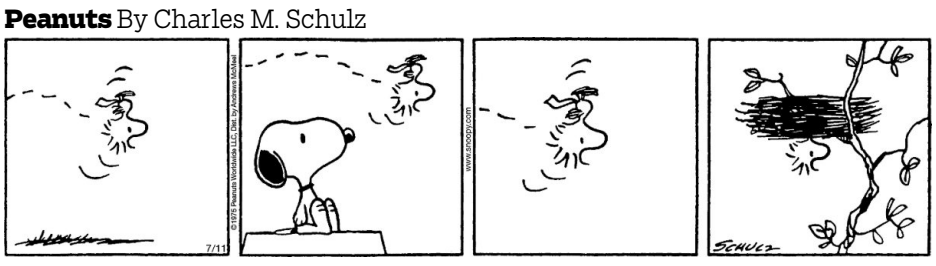
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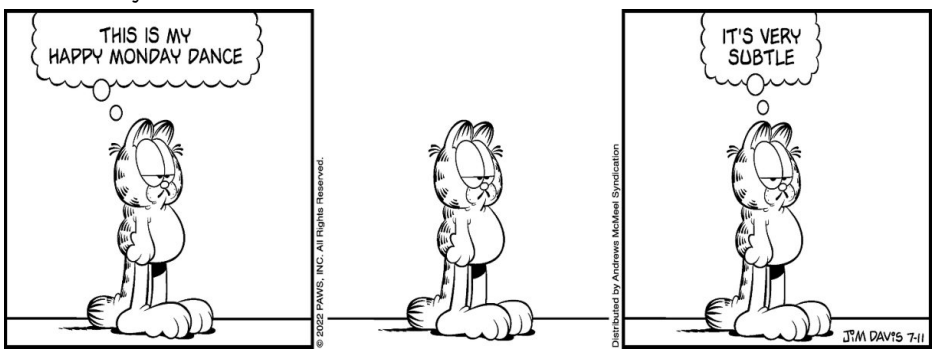
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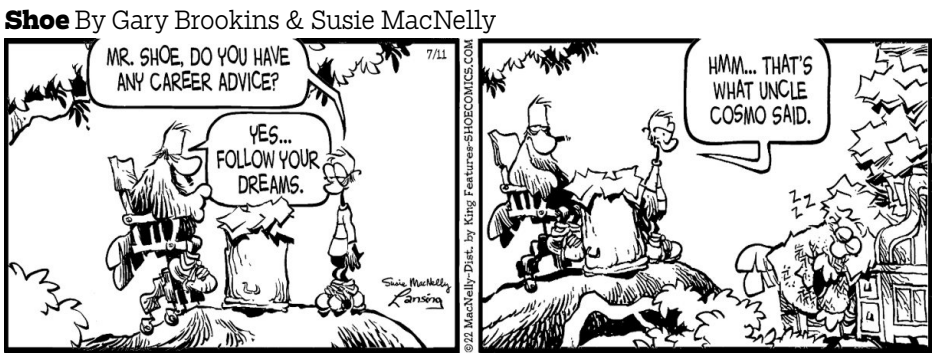
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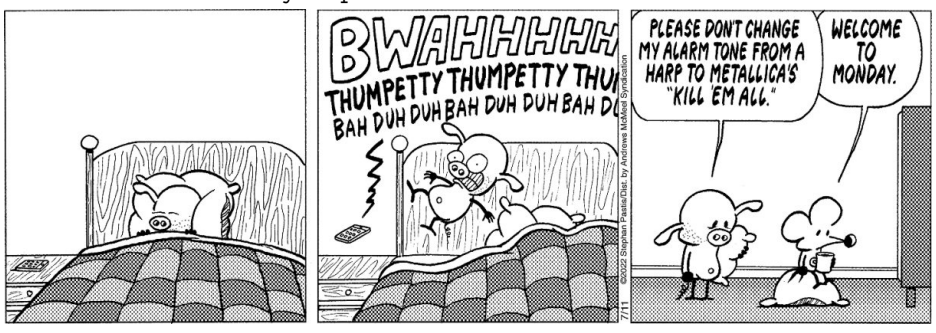
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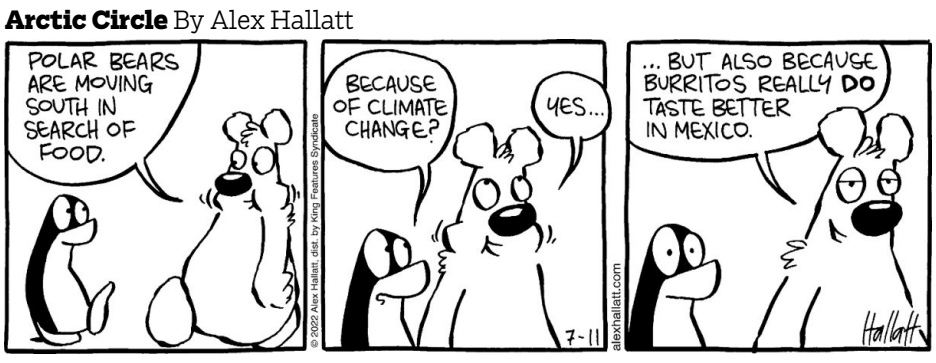
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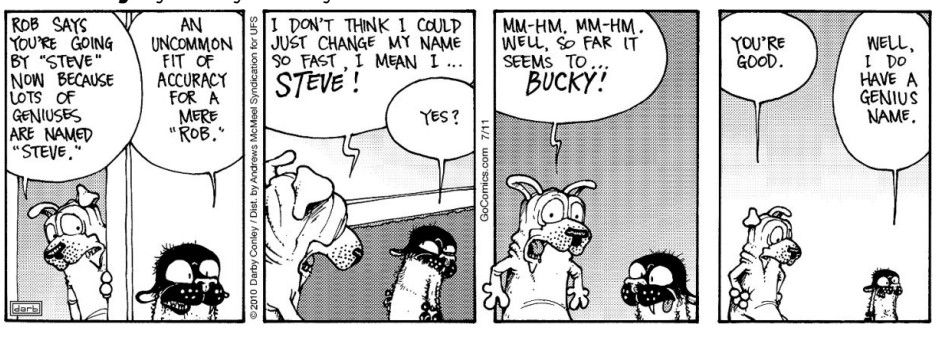
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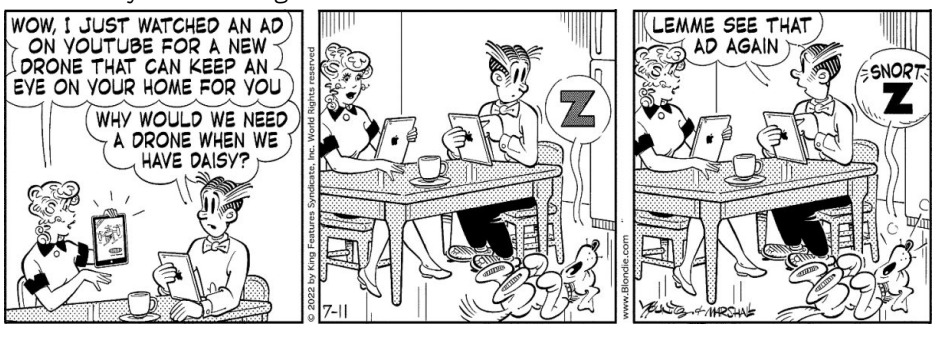
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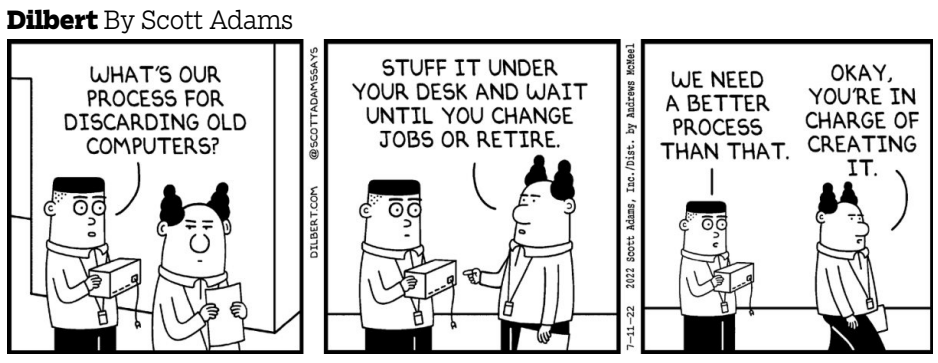
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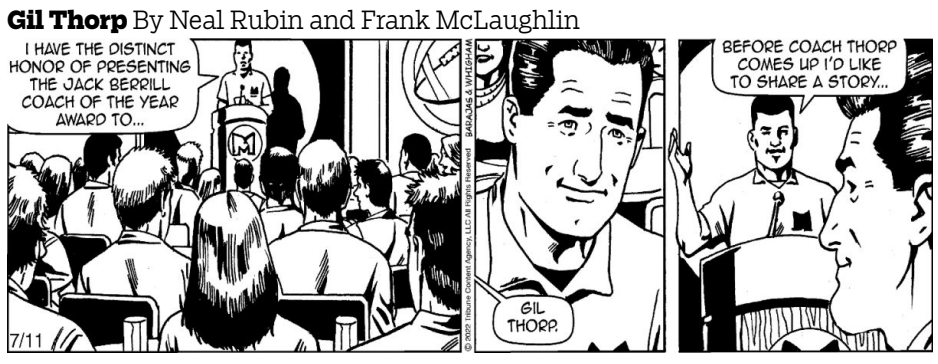
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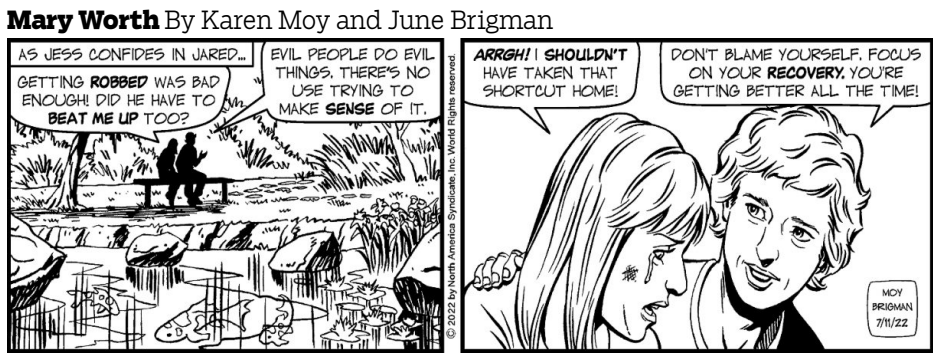
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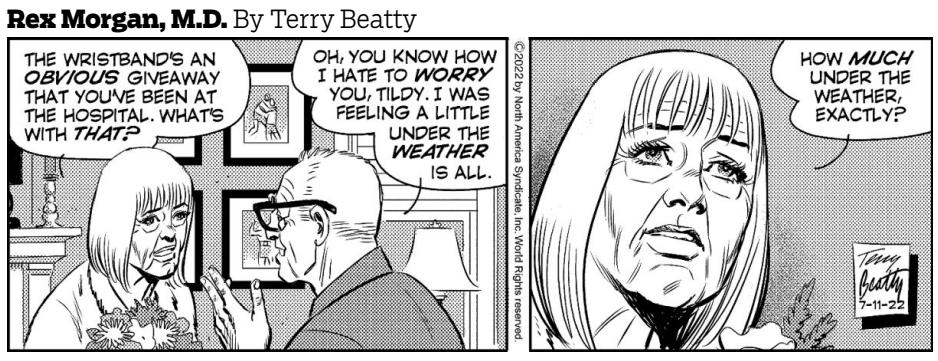
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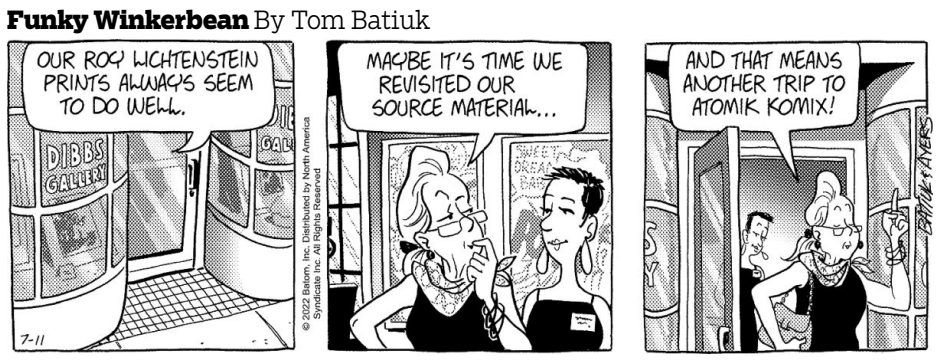
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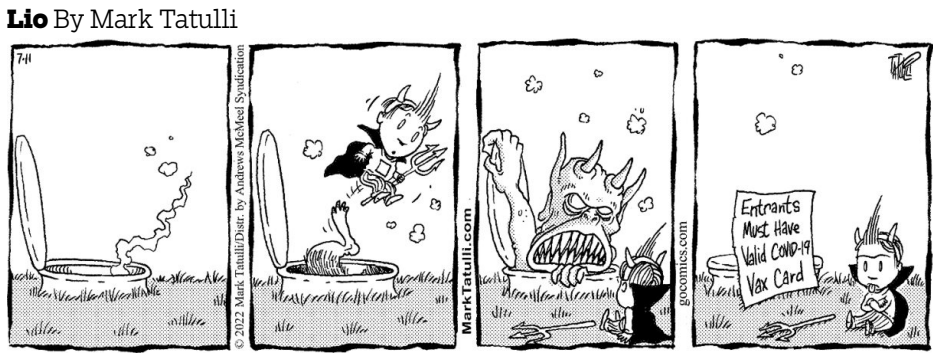
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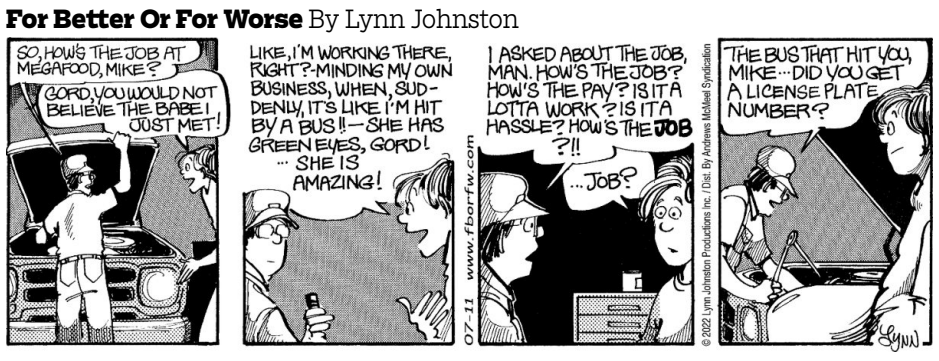
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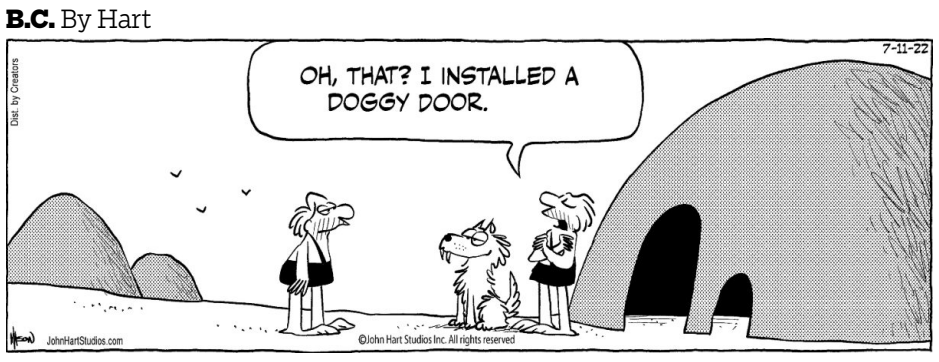
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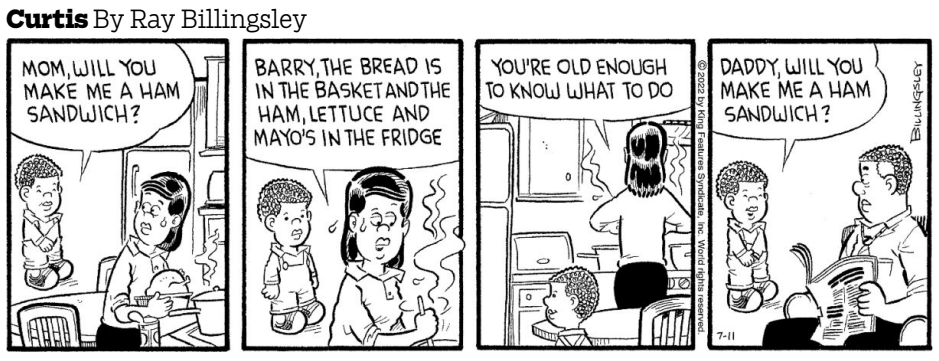
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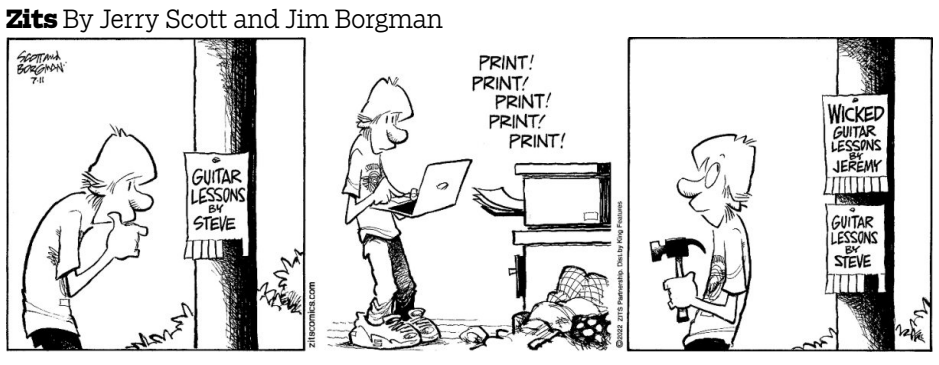
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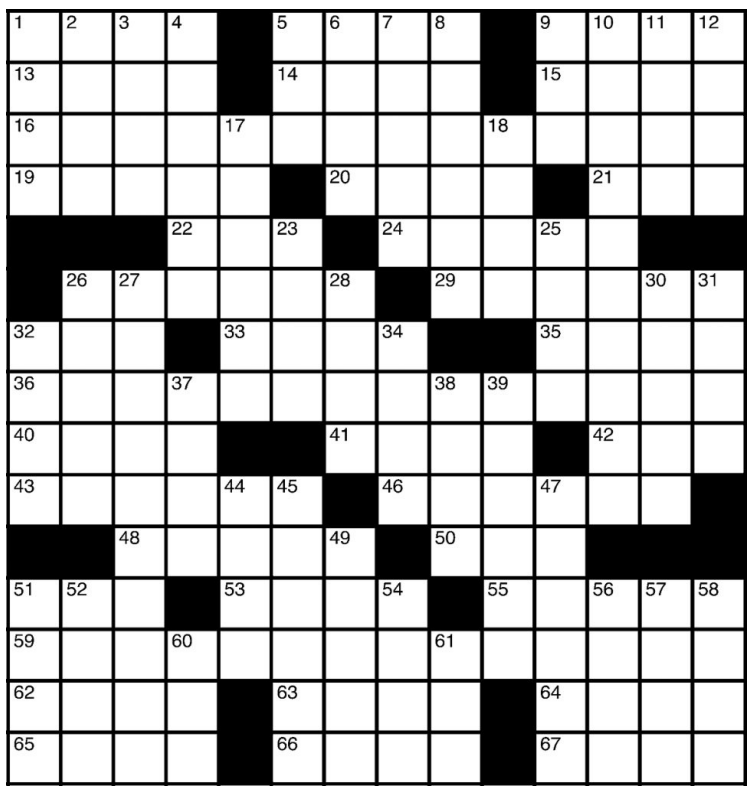
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Across

1 Apple discard
5 Cash dispensers
9 Edinburgh resident
13 Highest point
14 Metal corrosion
15 Novelist Tokarczuk who won the 2018 Nobel Prize in Literature
16 Where to watch pillars and frames?
19 Professional org.
20 Big name in ridesharing
21 Observe
22 "Rugrats" dad
24 "Almost Famous" director Cameron
26 Low-scoring tie
29 Guzzles (down)
32 Serious hwy. crime
33 One-sixth of an inch, to a typesetter
35 Uncommon
36 Where to watch Stonehenge and Big Ben?
40 Bengay target
41 Smell
42 Ultrasound goop
43 "Onwards!"
46 Put a hex on
48 Play idly, as a guitar
50 Stitching target
51 "Frankly," in texts
53 Coup d'__: sudden regime change
55 Modern creatures that are technically dinosaurs
59 Where to watch tracks and tunnels?
62 Facts and figs.
63 Egg on
64 Volcano on Sicily
65 "The Martian" actor Damon
66 Writes the wrong ZIP code, say
67 Filter (through)

Down

1 Spanish house
2 Magnum __: masterpiece
3 Gym sets, briefly
4 Tell-all news story
5 Flight update abbr.
6 Ballet skirt
7 "The Beat With Ari Melber" broadcaster
8 Has the wheel
9 Female pig
10 From a short distance, with "at"
11 Big, mean giant
12 Help oneself to
17 Ocean floor dwellers with many arms
18 Sci-fi film with light cycles
23 Aussie colleges
25 Wave a red flag at
26 Postal scale unit
27 Workforce during the wee hours
28 Amazon gadget activated by saying "Alexa"
30 Set loose
31 Unload for cash
32 Start a card game
34 Rock band with the album "Powerage"
37 "__ we forget"
38 Length of many TV dramas
39 Joyful Spanish shout
44 Mushroomed
45 Power interruption
47 Treats with petty malice
49 City hall bigwig
51 Barbershop request
52 "Dirty John" actor Eric
54 Ruler of imperialist Russia
56 Solemn observance
57 "All finished!"
58 One of the Rice Krispies trio
60 "Thanks a __!"
61 QB stats



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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9
♥ A K Q 10 9 8 3
♦ —
♣ A K 6 5 4

WEST
♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ —
♦ Q 10 6 5 4
♣ J 10 8 3

EAST
♠ A K 8
♥ 2
♦ A K J 9 8 7 3 2
♣ 9

SOUTH
♠ J 10 6 4 2
♥ J 7 6 5 4
♦ —
♣ Q 7 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♦	5 ♦	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Dble	

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Famous Hand

Freak hands produce freak results, as witness this deal from the World Pair Olympiad many years ago. All kinds of results occurred at the 30 tables where the hand was played, but we report here only those of two American pairs who sat East-West.

At one table, with Robert Jordan and Arthur Robinson sitting East-West, the bidding went as shown. The artificial two-diamond bid by North showed game-going strength but not necessarily diamonds. Jordan then leaped to five diamonds, partly in the hope of making it and partly to jam the bidding.

He later doubled six hearts but wound up taking second money when the Dutch declarer lost only a spade trick and scored 1,210 points. In fact, South would have made an overtrick if Robinson had led a diamond instead of a club.

The other American pair, Marshall Miles and Phil Feldesman, had far better luck.

The bidding at their table went:

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♦	5 ♦	Pass
7 ♦	Dble		

Here West, after South had passed, added a second pre-emptive bid to his partner's. Over seven diamonds, North, who had not yet shown either of his suits, found himself completely frustrated. He doubled, for want of anything better to do, and everyone passed.

South had to make a blind opening lead and, after great travail, selected the jack of spades. This allowed declarer to score four spade tricks instead of three, and he eventually got rid of his club loser on dummy's seven of spades to make the grand slam for a score of 1,630 points!

This was 2,840 points better than their compatriots had done with exactly the same cards!

Tomorrow: A brilliant defense.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PASYO

SYESM

VIWLES

BIRLEG



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " "

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: MERCY WHARF ADJUST POUNCE
Answer: Was she an expert seamstress? — NOT "SEW" MUCH

TODAY'S SUDOKU

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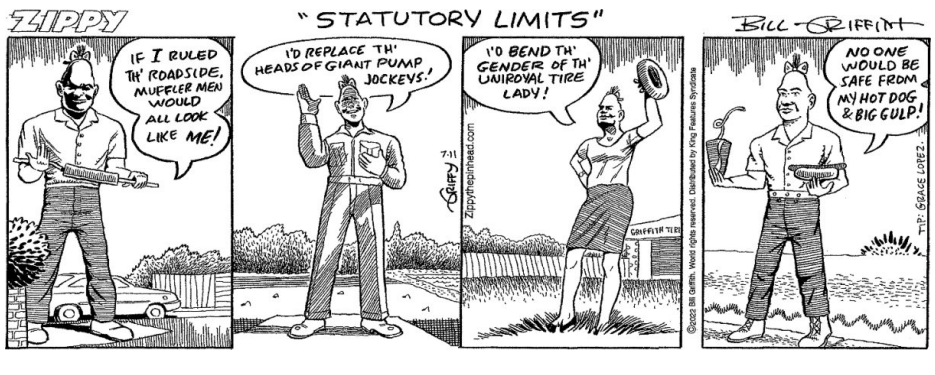
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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5	3	6	4	1	9	2	8	7
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Level: 1 2 3 4

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Boggle BrainBusters

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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F	U	T	P

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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WORD SEARCH

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

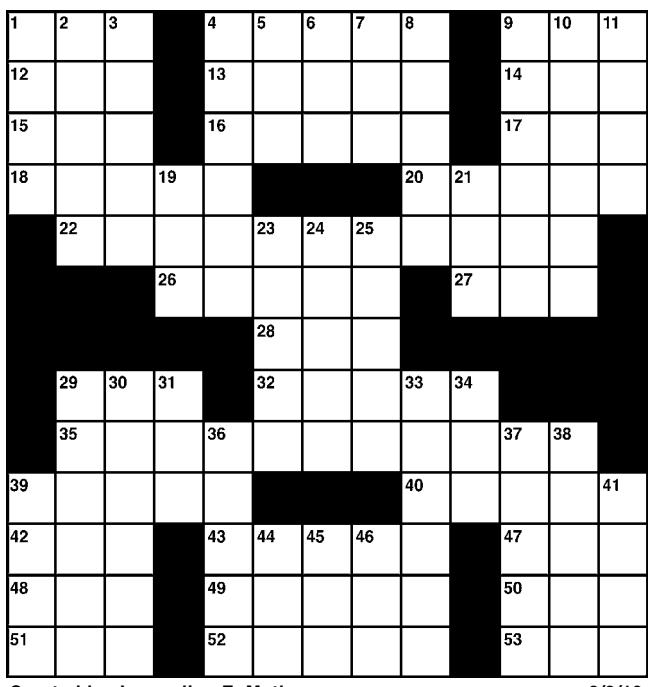
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ACROSS

1 Elly __ Clampett
4 Actress Kathy __
9 "Fresh __ the Boat"
12 Apple pie __ mode
13 "Return to __"
14 Suffix for event or habit
15 Lowe or Estes
16 Actor Ed
17 Night we watch "The Kids Are Alright": abbr.
18 Shish __; BBQ favorite
20 Prince Harry, to Charlotte
22 Actress on "The Conners"
26 Island nation south of Italy
27 Cobb & Burrell
28 Cochlea's place
29 "What Kind of Fool __?"
32 Actor Alan & his family
35 Actor on "FBI"
39 Stephanie Zimbalist's dad
40 "__ It to Beaver"
42 Abbr. on an encycl. spine
43 "War and __"; Henry Fonda/ Audrey Hepburn film
47 Actress __ Michele
48 "__ See You"; Stallone movie
49 "World __ Center"; Nicolas Cage film
50 Goof
51 Nov. 1 honorees
52 Middle East nation
53 Actor Mineo

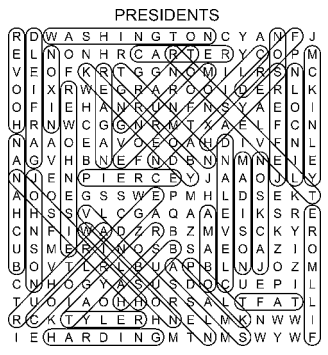
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1 Hamill or Harmon
2 African lilies
3 "__ Dabba Doo!"
4 "__, black sheep, have you any wool?…"
5 Mornings, for short
6 "__ Cup"; Kevin Costner movie
7 Suffix for Japan or Nepal
8 Bush
9 Passionate shout
10 Shortcomings
11 Escape
19 Upper limb
21 Butterfly catcher's need
23 Sparkle
24 Where to find Florence
25 Cooking fats
29 Retired NASCAR champ
30 Haggard & others
31 Anger
33 __ Quinn of "Annie"
34 180 degrees from NNW
36 "__ Nest"
37 "__ from the Crypt"
38 __ barrel; in a helpless position
39 Arden & Plumb
41 "My Name Is __"
44 Prior to
45 Monogram for Winnie the Pooh's creator
46 File drawer, perhaps

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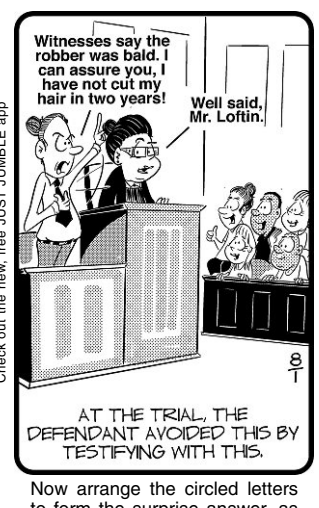
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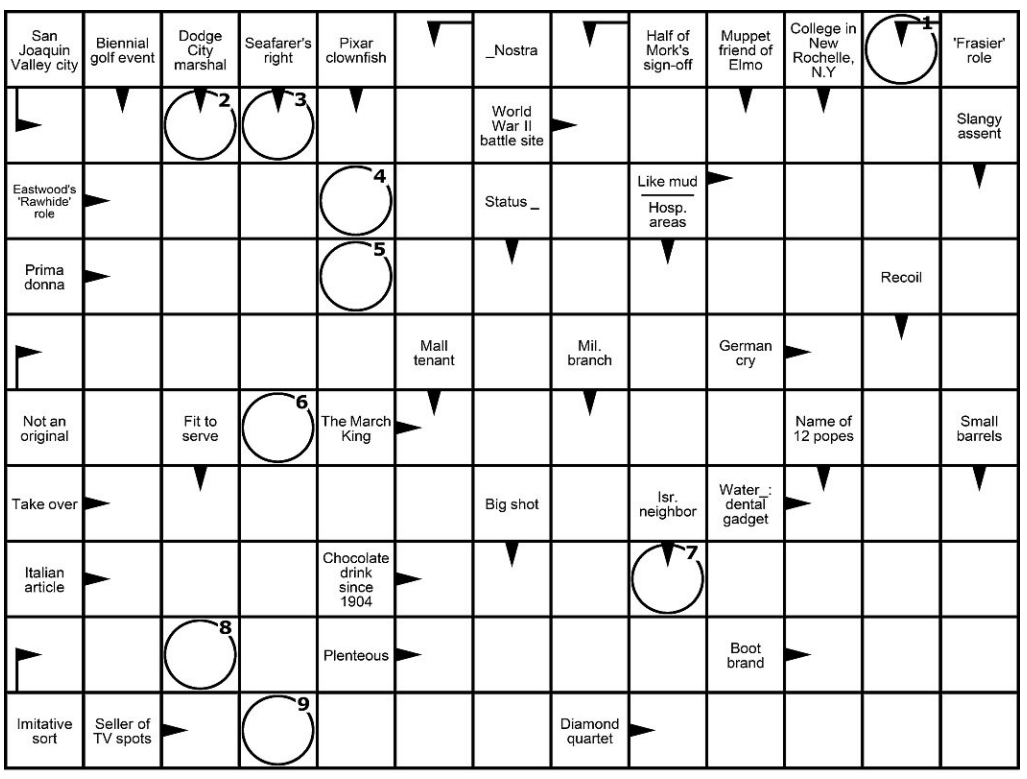
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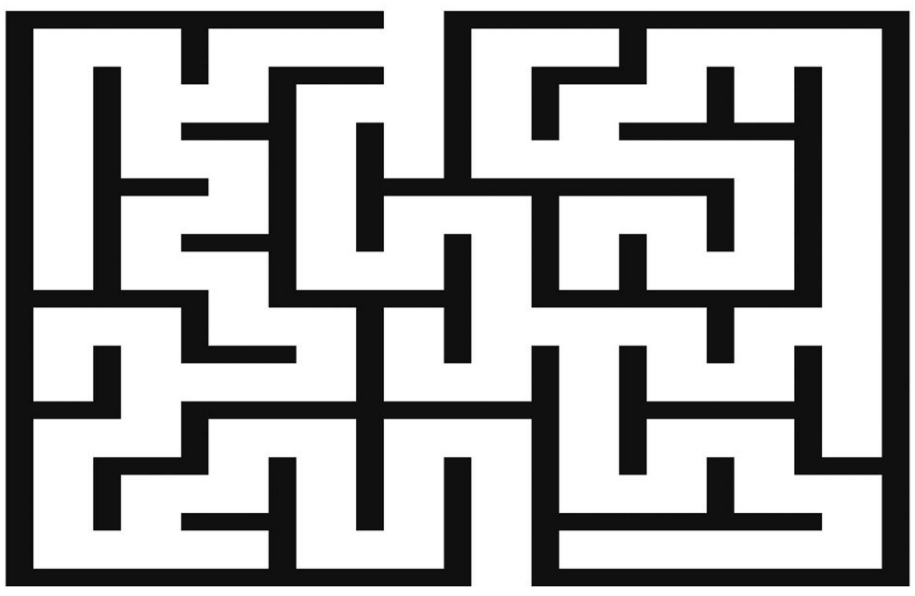


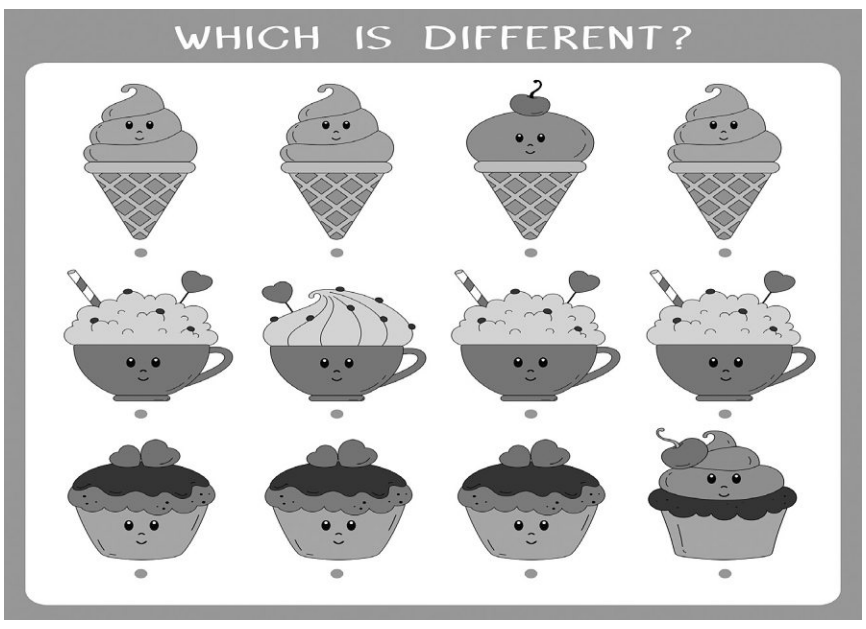
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YANKEES AT RED SOX LATE

Benintendi at top of Yankees' wish list

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

BOSTON — The Yankees have had "on-going," talks with the Royals about Andrew Benintendi over the last few weeks, a team source said, confirming a report Sunday. The Royals are looking to flip the likely All-Star outfielder for prospects to help their rebuild and have had scouts on every level of the Yankees system since the beginning of the season looking for possible fits.

The New York Post first reported the talks between the teams.

Looking for an upgrade in the outfield over a struggling Joey Gallo or Aaron Hicks, who has started to break out over the last month, the Yankees have also been looking at the Pirates' Brian Reynolds, but some in the Yankees organization feel strongly that Pittsburgh will hold on to him to rebuild around.

The thought in the industry is that the Royals are also coming in high on what they want for Benintendi, looking for a top prospect, and may not find a trade partner before the deadline. The Yankees certainly have much to offer with Anthony Volpe, Oswald Peraza, Jasson Dominguez, Austin Wells and Ken Waldichuk topping their prospect lists.

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Up next
Who: Boston Red Sox at Tampa Bay Rays
When: 7:10 p.m. today; **TV:** NESN

Up next
Who: Cincinnati Reds at New York Yankees
When: 7:05 p.m. Tuesday; **TV:** YES

MARLINS 2, METS 0 10 INNINGS

Alcantara spins another gem as Marlins top Mets

By Charles O'Brien
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sandy Alcantara extended his shutout streak to 19 innings and pinch runner Billy Hamilton scored on a throwing error by catcher Tomás Nido in the 10th, sending the Miami Marlins past the New York Mets 2-0 on Sunday.

Luke Williams added an RBI single for the Marlins, who won for the eighth time in 11 games and earned a split of the four-game series. Tanner Scott struck out Francisco Lindor with runners at the corners for his 12th save.

New York's lead in the NL East was trimmed to 1 ½ games over the defending World Series champion Atlanta Braves — its smallest since April 16. The Mets, who had a 10 ½-game cushion on June 1, begin a three-game series at Atlanta on Monday night.

Alcantara, selected to his second NL All-Star team Sunday, allowed six hits in seven innings and lowered his ERA to 1.73 — third-best in the majors. He struck out four and walked one.

Up next
Who: New York Mets at Atlanta Braves
When: 7:20 p.m. today; **TV:** SNY

"It was probably one of his best performances, from the standpoint that he wasn't clicking with all his stuff," Marlins manager Don Mattingly said. "But I think him and (catcher Jacob Stallings) did a nice job of using his stuff and getting through it."

The right-hander has pitched at least seven innings in each of his last 12 starts, the longest stretch for a Marlins pitcher since 2004.

"When you believe in your stuff, you don't have to worry," Alcantara said. "You just go and compete no matter what happens."

Jon Berti had three hits for the second straight game and got his major league-leading 27th stolen base for Miami.

Hamilton was inserted as the automatic runner at second base in the 10th, replacing Garrett Cooper.

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WNBA ALL-STAR GAME TEAM WILSON 134, TEAM STEWART 112



Former UConn star Sue Bird of Team Stewart waves to the crowd after coming out of her final All-Star Game in the fourth quarter. She had six assists in the game. **STACY REVERE/GETTY**

PASSING THE TORCH

Bird, Fowles honored but young talent leads way in Team Wilson win

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

CHICAGO — With a little over four minutes left in the second quarter of the 2022 WNBA All-Star Game, Sylvia Fowles stole a pass from Jackie Young and took off down the court. She then rose up and threw down a one-handed dunk, sending the Wintrust Arena crowd into an absolute frenzy.

Prior to the start of Sunday's game, league commissioner Cathy Engelbert said the event felt "kind of symbolic" with retiring legends Sue Bird and Fowles passing the torch to younger stars such as team captains Breanna Stewart and A'ja Wilson as well as reigning league MVP Jonquel Jones and four first-time selections.

Bird and Fowles were honored with a special video and flowers, getting a send-off worthy of their great careers — they lead the league in all-time assists and rebounds, respectively — while showing they're still well more than capable of playing among the best talent in the league.

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Up next
Who: Connecticut Sun at Indiana Fever
When: Noon Wednesday; **TV:** NESN/NBATV

BRUINS COMMENTARY

Word is out that players had their say in firing

By Tara Sullivan
Boston Globe

The Boston Bruins' reasons for moving on from Bruce Cassidy have yet to be fully explained, and by now, all parties have moved on. Still, we might have finally gotten some confirmation of what we thought all along.

The news cycle rolled on after the team fired its coach via a Monday evening press release June 6. Cassidy wasn't on the open market for long, quickly scooped up to take over in Las Vegas. The Bruins eventually caught up by hiring Jim Montgomery as Cassidy's replacement, turning to a coach with a history of developing young talent. Thursday night's start of the NHL draft officially moved us into the 2022-23 season.

But it was in the middle of a pre-draft conversation with reporters that Bruins president Cam Neely, intentionally or not, shed a little more light on what still has to be considered a shocking dismissal of a successful coach.

In the midst of confirming that Jake DeBrusk had rescinded his trade demand, Neely made it pretty clear players were chafing under Cassidy's tough hand and were clearly ready for a change. The long-rumored notion was amplified when former NHL defenseman Ryan Whitney said on his podcast that he'd heard "the players really hated him."

Given the chance to dispel the assertion, Neely all but did the opposite, saying, "I like to keep things in the locker room. Obviously, if others want to talk, that's their prerogative. Right or wrong, when you have a coach five, six, seven years and the players remain on a club ... unfortunately at some point the voice does get old.

"We're going to see a little bit of a different approach, maybe change things up a little, that hopefully excites our fanbase. I'm excited about it."

Which, really, is fine. Coaches, at least those not named Bill Belichick, are hired to be fired. They know it; we know it; players know it.

Turn to Bruins, *Page 2*



Top-seeded Novak Djokovic beat Nick Kyrgios 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3) on Sunday to win his fourth straight Wimbledon title. **GERALD HERBERT/AP**

TENNIS WIMBLEDON

Djokovic claims 21st Slam title

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Novak Djokovic waited. He waited for Nick Kyrgios to lose focus and lose his way. Waited to find the proper read on his foe's big serves. Waited until his own level rose to the occasion.

Djokovic is not bothered by a deficit — in a game, a set, a match. He does not mind problem-solving. And at Wimbledon, for quite some time now, he does not get defeated.

Djokovic used his steady brilliance to beat the ace-delivering, trick-shot-hitting, constantly chattering Kyrgios 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3) on Sunday for a fourth consecutive championship at the All England Club, seventh overall there, and 21st from all Grand Slam tournaments.

"It's weird. I felt like he didn't do anything amazing today," said the unseeded Kyrgios, offering an assessment with which some might not concur, given that Djokovic accumulated 31 winners and merely eight unforced errors over the last two sets of the match, while facing zero break points in that span.

"But he was just so composed. That's what I was just thinking to myself. In big moments, it just felt like he was never rattled. I feel like that's his greatest strength: He just never looks rattled," said Kyrgios, about whom those words likely have not been uttered. "He just looks completely within himself the whole time.

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Recently fired Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy had a 245-108-46 record from February 2017 through the end of last season, taking the team to the playoffs all six of his seasons on the bench. **GENE J. PUSKAR/AP**

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Red Sox: at Rays, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Rays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Rays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Reds, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Reds, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Reds, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Mets: at Atlanta, Monday, 7:15 p.m.; at Atlanta, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.; at Atlanta, Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.
Yard Goats: Harrisburg, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Harrisburg, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Harrisburg, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Sun: at Indiana, Wednesday, noon; at Dream, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Aces, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at Charleston, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Pittsburgh, July 23, 7 p.m.; at Rio Grande, 8:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASEBALL
2 p.m.: Tigers at Royals. (Live) MLB
7 p.m.: Red Sox at Rays. (Live) NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: Mets at Braves. (Live) SNY FS1. Radio: 880
10 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
6 p.m.: Pelicans vs Hawks. (Live) NBA
7 p.m.: Rockets vs Spurs. (Live) ESPN
8 p.m.: Bucks vs Celtics. (Live) NBA
9 p.m.: Magic vs Thunder. (Live) ESPN
10 p.m.: Mavericks vs Jazz. (Live) NBA
11 p.m.: Knicks vs Trail Blazers. (Live) ESPN2
SOCCER
11:30 a.m.: UEFA Women's EURO 2022 Austria vs Northern Ireland. (Live) ESPN2
2:30 p.m.: UEFA Women's EURO 2022 England vs Norway. (Live) ESPN2

YARD GOATS 10, FISHER CATS 7

Two 4-run innings lift Yard Goats

Staff report

The Hartford Yard Goats put together a pair of four-run innings to defeat the New Hampshire Fisher Cats 10-7 on Sunday at Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Bedford, New Hampshire, native Grant Lavigne had three hits, and Hunter Stovall had three hits and reached base five times to help the Yard Goats split the six-game series against the Blue Jays affiliate.

The Yard Goats took the early lead when Daniel Montano cranked a two-run homer in the first inning off Adam Kloffenstein. New Hampshire tied it in the second on Cam Eden's two-run shot off Mitch Kilkenny.

The score remained tied until Hartford broke through with four runs in the fifth. Isaac Collins put the Yard Goats back on top 3-2 when he led off the inning with a home run off reliever Marcus Reyes. Aaron Schunk's sacrifice fly scored Stovall to make it 4-2.

Later in the inning Daniel Cope cracked a single that scored Montano and Lavigne and it was 6-2.

The Fisher Cats scored single runs in the fifth and sixth innings to pull to 6-4, but the Yard Goats added four more runs in the seventh to extend their lead to 10-4.

Kyle Datres had an RBI double, Niko Decolati had a two-run single and Stovall hit an RBI single.

The Fisher Cats scored single runs in the seventh, eighth and ninth innings and hit four homers in the game, but Hartford held on for the victory.



The Yankees are interested in acquiring Royals outfielder Andrew Benintendi before the Aug. 2 trade deadline. **ASHLEY LANDIS/AP**

Benintendi

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The Royals spent weeks scouring the Yankees system in the spring and early months of the season and some in their organization think there are plenty of other prospects to try and work a deal with. Even in the lowest level Florida Complex League, the source said there are "lots of players to consider" in a possible deal. It is worth remembering that the Royals did express interest in Miguel Andujar back in the 2019 Winter Meetings.

The Yankees are in the driver's seat as they approach the trade deadline on Aug. 2. With the best record in baseball and a 15-game lead in the tough American League East, they have to go into this looking for what they think can help them in possible playoff clashes.

On Thursday, general manager Brian Cashman said they were assessing their needs.

"Our staff is hard working at trying to constantly assess if there's any opportunities both from within or outside imports, that potentially would impact us in a positive way. So we have until the beginning of August to do so. I've had many conversations with my opposing general managers, and we'll see if it takes us anywhere, but we're certainly really happy with the team," Cashman said, "and where they're at and how they're going about their business. But we also know there's always unfinished business if there's opportunities to add, improve and give (manager) Aaron Boone and his staff a better chance to compete, obviously, especially when it counts the most, which is if we qualify for (the playoffs) in October.



The Yankees' Giancarlo Stanton, left, celebrates with Aaron Judge after hitting a two-run homer that scored Judge in the first inning Sunday against the Red Sox. For result and story, go to **courant.com/sports**. **STEVEN SENNE/AP**

"So that's obviously the discussion we're going to continue to have. And if we get anything, everything I get as opportunities presented or opportunities I present, I will run it by the boss (Hal Steinbrenner) and he'll give a final say on what we should do."

The Yankees have also expressed interest to other teams in moving Gallo, according to an American League executive. In 128 games with the Yankees, Gallo is slashing .163/.295/.372 with a .666 OPS, 23 home runs, 43 RBIs and 72 walks. He has struck out 180 times in 393 at-bats.

Benintendi would be a natural fit. The 28-year-old is slashing .317/.387/.402 with a .789 OPS. A free agent after the season, Benintendi played five years in Boston, winning a World Series in 2018 with them, so it would not be as much of an adjustment to the Bronx.

The Yankees have been a fairly complete team, so they are dealing from a position of strength, but there are things that could be a concern down the stretch.

Though their rotation has been unbelievable to start the season, there are some concerns about the end of the season with their pitching. Nestor Cortes, who has pitched 93 innings in his longest season in the big leagues, has already thrown 89 innings before the All-Star break and he has struggled over his last six starts. While Luis Severino looks as good as he did in 2018, the Yankees are aware he has only thrown 27 ⅔ innings over the previous three seasons because of injuries that included having Tommy John surgery.

The Yankees have depth with Clarke Schmidt, JP Sears and even Domingo German, who could come back from the injured list before the All-Star break, so pitching isn't high on their list of needs. But as Cashman is fond of saying "you can never have enough pitching."

Mets

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With a 1-and-2 count on Jesús Aguilar, the speedy Hamilton took off and easily stole third. He scored when Nido's throw sailed well over Eduardo Escobar's head into left field.

"The faster I get to third base, the easier it is for all those guys to hit," Hamilton said.

Nido scored the winning run Saturday in the 10th inning on a throwing error by Scott.

"It is always good to get a guy back out there and let him compete again the next night," Mattingly said of his closer.

Jesús Sánchez and Bryan De La Cruz singled off Tommy Hunter (0-1) before Williams' single made it 2-0.

Richard Bleier (1-1) worked a hitless ninth for the win.

Taijuan Walker turned in his sixth straight quality start for the Mets. The big right-hander scattered three hits over seven scoreless innings and struck out seven.

"I said before the game, in order to compete with a starter like that, you've got to get a good start out of your starter, and we certainly did. He matched him," Mets manager Buck Showalter said. "That was fun to watch. He knows what's going on and what's required to compete in a game like that."

Luis Guillorme had three of New York's seven hits.



Marlins second baseman Joey Wendle throws to second to complete a double play after forcing Mark Canha out in the sixth inning Sunday in New York. **MARY ALTAFFER/AP**

The Mets fell to 7-1 in extra innings this season, snapping a streak of eight straight extra-inning wins dating to Sept. 14, 2021. That was the longest streak for the team since 1997.

The Mets now travel to Atlanta to open a series Monday against the Braves. RHP Max Scherzer (5-1, 2.26 ERA) makes his second start since returning from an oblique injury. He struck out a season-high 11 in six shutout innings of two-hit ball Tuesday at Cincinnati. Braves LHP Max Fried (9-2, 2.52) has allowed two earned runs or fewer in eight of his last nine starts.

Trainer's room

Marlins: SS Miguel Rojas collided with Berti in left field on Lindor's fourth-inning popup. Rojas dropped to a knee after making the catch. He was checked by Mattingly and an athletic trainer but initially remained in the game before exiting in the sixth with neck stiffness.

Mets: C James McCann (left oblique) was placed on the 10-day injured list. He was injured Saturday making a sweep tag at the plate. ... RF Starling Marte (left groin tightness) sat out and is day-to-day. Showalter said he expects to get Marte back "in the near future."

Wimbledon

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"Didn't look like he was playing overaggressive, even though it felt like he was playing big."

Among men, only Roger Federer owns more Wimbledon titles than Djokovic, with eight, and only Rafael Nadal owns more Slam trophies, with 22.

"The more you win, it's logical the more confident, the more comfortable you feel out there every next time you step out on the court," said the top-seeded Djokovic, who was pleased to hear some spectators at Centre Court chanting his nickname, "No-le! No-le!" as he served out the final point of a tremendously well-played tiebreaker.

As of now, Djokovic will not be able to try to pull even with Nadal by winning the U.S. Open, which begins in late August: The 35-year-old Serbian can't enter the United States because he decided not to get any shots against COVID-19, the same reason Djokovic missed the Australian Open in January.

"I'm not vaccinated," Djokovic said Sunday, "and I'm not planning to get vaccinated."

Aside from his experience — 32 Slam final appearances versus one for the unseeded Kyrgios — his skill and his clutch gene shined in the concluding tiebreaker, and all of those qualities were present for two particularly pivotal games that helped swing the match.

"Key moments," Djokovic called them.

They were games in which Djokovic steeled himself, and Kyrgios blinked. And games that Kyrgios would not let go as he began engaging in running monologues, shouting at himself or his entourage (which does not include a full-time coach), earning a warning for cursing, finding reason to disagree with the chair umpire he fist-bumped before the match, and chucking a water bottle.

With Djokovic serving for the second set at 5-3, Kyrgios got to love-40 — a trio of break points. But Kyrgios played a couple of casual returns, and Djokovic eventually held. When that set ended, Kyrgios waved dismissively toward his box, sat down and dropped his racket to the turf, then groused to no one in particular: "It was love-40! Can it get any bigger or what?! Is that big enough for you?!"

Djokovic noticed.

"He knew on this stage, when Nick starts to talk, he's going to be vulnerable," said Djokovic's coach, 2001 Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic. "That happened."

In the third set, with Kyrgios serving at 4-all, 40-love, he again let a seemingly sealed game get away, with Djokovic breaking there.

"It was a huge momentum shift," Djokovic said, "because up to that point we were quite even."

Kyrgios was almost perfect in the first set, with 11 winners before he made a second unforced error. The 40th-ranked Kyrgios, a 27-year-old from Australia, never had been past the quarterfinals in 29 previous Slam appearances — and the last time he made it even that far was 7 ½ years ago.

His talent is unmistakable. But over the years, Kyrgios has drawn more notice for his preference for style over substance on court, his tempestuousness that has earned him ejections and suspensions and his taste for the nightlife.

During the last two weeks alone, Kyrgios racked up $14,000 in fines — one for spitting at a heckling spectator after a first-round victory, another for cursing during a wildly contentious win against No. 4 seed Stefanos Tsitsipas in the third round — and caught flack for wearing a red hat and sneakers before or after matches at a place where all-white clothing is mandated. Word also emerged that he's due in court next month in Australia to face an assault allegation.

Bruins

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But what should concern the Bruins' front office now is how much the players know it, and how risky it could be to put Montgomery in a position where he knows the players know it. Players should certainly be heard, but it's a fine line when they have a hand in pulling the strings, and no coach wants to be on the wrong side of that line knowing how much it can erode respect inside a locker room.

No one is saying DeBrusk or any other Bruin is an NHL version of Tampa Bay Tom Brady, retiring and then suddenly un-retiring once Bruce Arians was out as coach. Heck, Brady initially went to Tampa in part because Arians was such a looser hand than the one Belichick held over him for 20 years.

But sometimes an overcorrection isn't the answer either — for all the times a K.C. Jones is the perfect replacement to a Bill Fitch, sometimes you end up with a Bobby Valentine after Terry Francona, or Pete Carroll after Bill Parcells. Players might be happier, but without the edge of discipline, structures can collapse. Jones was the perfect answer for the '84 Celtics, letting a wildly talented team roll the ball out and just play, winning the first of two NBA championships in the next three seasons. When the player-friendly Francona was let down by his hard-partying pitchers across the infamous chicken and beer end to the 2011 season, the "disciplinarian" Bobby V answer was an abject failure, and done in one season.

Not to say that will happen here, or to cast a shadow specifically on Montgomery. No matter the circumstance, there is never a shortage of reasons to change coaches — even one with a record as good as Cassidy's. He had a 245-108-46 record from February 2017 through the end of last season, taking the Bruins to the playoffs all six of his seasons on the bench, including a memorable run to Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Final in 2018-19. Though the past year ended in disappointment with a first-round playoff exit against Carolina, getting an injury-ravaged, aging roster to 100-plus points was quite a feat.

But as the Bruins headed into an offseason that was always going to be filled with questions, starting with the will-or-won't-he retire fate of Patrice Bergeron and straight on through the how-fast-can-they-recover from surgeries for Charlie McAvoy and Brad Marchand, the does-he-want-to-come-back decision facing David Krejci, and the will-he-sign-a-long-term-contract one facing David Pastrnak, Neely decided Cassidy was no longer the answer.

He continues to praise him, also saying the other day in Montreal, "I didn't see any quit in [the players]. They came to play every night."

But Neely didn't waver on his decision, and while he still hasn't revealed specifics, the word of the players and their exhaustion with Cassidy came through.

"We have a little bit more information than the media and fans do," Neely said. "Things that happen inside the locker room. There's not one specific thing. Bruce did a really good job for us. Got to the Final [in 2019]. He was well-liked. He was a good coach, still is a good coach."

Just not the right coach, it seems. The players got their wish, and now the Bruins better hope they don't abuse that power.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	61	24	.718	—	—	6-4	L-1	34-9	27-15
Boston	46	39	.541	15	+2	4-6	W-1	22-20	24-19
Tampa Bay	45	40	.529	16	+1	5-5	L-3	25-17	20-23
Toronto	45	42	.517	17	—	1-9	L-4	25-18	20-24
Baltimore	43	44	.494	19	2	8-2	W-8	25-17	18-27

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	48	40	.545	—	—	5-5	W-1	25-18	23-22
Cleveland	41	42	.494	4½	2	2-8	L-1	20-17	21-25
Chicago	41	43	.488	5	2½	6-4	W-2	19-25	22-18
Detroit	36	49	.424	10½	8	7-3	L-2	23-24	13-25
Kansas City	32	52	.381	14	11½	5-5	W-1	16-26	16-26

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	56	29	.659	—	—	8-2	W-1	27-12	29-17
Seattle	45	42	.517	12	—	9-1	W-8	24-20	21-22
Texas	39	44	.470	16	4	3-7	L-1	19-21	20-23
Los Angeles	38	49	.437	19	7	2-8	L-4	21-23	17-26
Oakland	29	58	.333	28	16	4-6	L-1	11-31	18-27

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	53	33	.616	—	—	6-4	L-1	28-15	25-18
Atlanta	52	35	.598	1½	+5½	8-2	W-3	30-18	22-17
Philadelphia	46	40	.535	7	—	7-3	L-1	24-21	22-19
Miami	41	43	.488	11	4	7-3	W-1	20-17	21-26
Washington	30	58	.341	24	17	1-9	L-4	14-31	16-27

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	48	39	.552	—	—	4-6	L-2	21-19	27-20
St. Louis	46	42	.523	2½	1	3-7	W-1	25-18	21-24
Pittsburgh	36	50	.419	11½	10	5-5	W-2	20-23	16-27
Chicago	34	52	.395	13½	12	4-6	L-4	17-27	17-25
Cincinnati	32	54	.372	15½	14	6-4	W-4	18-28	14-26

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	56	29	.659	—	—	9-1	W-7	30-13	26-16
San Diego	49	38	.563	8	+2½	3-7	L-2	23-20	26-18
San Francisco	43	41	.512	12½	2	3-7	W-2	21-20	22-21
Arizona	38	48	.442	18½	8	4-6	L-1	22-26	16-22
Colorado	38	48	.442	18½	8	5-5	W-1	23-21	15-27

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Villar 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.179
Stefanic 2b	2	1	2	0	0	.389
MacKinnon 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.179
Harrison lf	4	1	2	3	1	.200
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Mullins cf	5	0	0	0	1	.258
Mancini dh	4	2	2	1	1	.284
Mountcastle 1b	4	2	1	1	0	.277
Santander rf	3	2	1	1	0	.241
Rutschman c	2	2	1	0	0	.221
Urias 3b	4	0	2	3	0	.238
McKenna lf	4	0	0	0	1	.244
Odor 2b	4	0	1	1	0	.203
Mateo ss	4	1	2	0	1	.197
TOTALS	**34**	**9**	**10**	**7**	**4**	

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E: Villar (1). **LOB:** LAA4, Bal 5. **2B:** Mountcastle (20), Santander (9), Mateo (11). **3B:** Mateo (3). **HR:** Harrison (1), off Voth; Stassi (5), off Garcia.
RBIs: Harrison 3(3), Stassi 2(16), Mountcastle (44), Urias 3(24), Odor (32), Santander (43), Mancini (35).
Runners left in scoring position: Los Angeles 3(Ward 3); Baltimore 2(Mateo, Mancini). **RISP:** Los Angeles 2for 6; Baltimore 5for 10. **Runners moved up:** Ohtani, Mullins. **GIDP:** Harrison, McKenna. **DP:** Los Angeles 1(Villar, Stefanic, MacKinnon); Baltimore 1 (Odor, Mateo, Mountcastle).

LA ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Suarez, L, 1-3	3⅔	3	4	4	2	1	4.79
Peguero	⅔	4	4	3	0	1	8.71
Barria	2⅔	2	1	1	1	0	3.07
Marte	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
BALTIMORE	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Voth, W, 1-1	5	4	2	2	0	6	3.80
Tate	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.61
Baker	1	2	1	1	1	2	4.50
Garcia	1	2	2	2	0	0	6.75
Bautista	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.77

Inherited runners-scored: Peguero 2-0, Barria 1-0. **HBP:** Suarez (Mancini). **WP:** Peguero, Voth. PB: Stassi (5). **Umpires:** Home, Nic Lentz; First, Nestor Ceja; Second, Ted Barrett; Third, Lance Barksdale. T: 2:48. **A:** 19,521(45,971).

ATLANTA 4, WASHINGTON 3 (12)

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Garcia ss	4	0	0	0	2	.298
Bell 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.304
Soto rf	3	1	1	0	0	.243
Cruz dh	3	1	1	0	1	.241
Ruiz c	5	0	0	0	1	.255
Hernandez lf	2	0	0	0	2	.275
a-Thomas ph-lf	3	1	1	3	0	.220
Adrianza 2b-3b	5	0	1	0	1	.203
Franco 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.235
1-Escobar pr-2b	0	0	0	0	0	.223
b-Hernandez 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.241
Robles cf	4	0	1	0	0	.232
TOTALS	**38**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**9**	
Atlanta	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Acuna Jr. rf	5	0	0	0	2	.274
Swanson ss	6	2	3	0	1	.302
Olson 1b	5	1	1	0	1	.254
Riley 3b	6	1	3	3	1	.282
Ozuna dh	4	0	1	0	0	.227
Rosario lf	4	0	0	1	2	.119
Contreras c	4	0	2	0	1	.273
Arcia 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.252
Gosselin 2b	0	0	0	0	0	.261
Harris II cf	5	0	1	0	2	.300
TOTALS	**43**	**4**	**12**	**4**	**10**	

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No outs when winning run scored.
a-homered for Hernandez in the 6th.
b-pinch hit for Escobar in the 12th.
1-ran for Franco in the 10th.
E: Contreras (4). **LOB:** Washington 9, Atlanta 15. **2B:** Swanson (19).
HR: Thomas (9), off Lee; Riley (23), off Finnegan. **RBIs:** Thomas 3(33), Riley 3 (56), Rosario (2).
SB: Harris II (7). SF: Rosario. S: Robles.
Runners left in scoring position: Washington 4(Bell, Ruiz 2, Robles); Atlanta 7 (Contreras, Riley, Swanson 2, Ozuna, Harris II 2). **RISP:** Washington 2for 12; Atlanta 4for 16. **Runners moved up:** Cruz, Olson 2. **GIDP:** Cruz, Bell. **DP:** Atlanta 2(Swanson, Arcia, Olson; Arcia, Olson).

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Espino	4	6	2	2	1	4	3.42
Machado	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.02
Cishek, H, 5	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.38
Finnegan, BS, 1-4	1⅔	1	1	1	1	3	3.89
Edwards Jr.	1⅓	0	0	0	2	1	3.45
Rainey	2	2	0	0	0	0	3.30
Weems, L, 0-1	0	1	1	0	1	0	5.91
ATLANTA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Anderson	5⅓	2	2	2	4	5	4.98
Lee, BS, 0-2	⅔	1	1	1	0	1	1.50
O'Day	⅓	1	0	0	1	0	3.92
Matzek	1⅔	0	0	0	0	1	3.52
Chavez	2	0	0	0	0	1	2.89
McHugh, W, 2-1	2	1	0	0	1	1	3.32

Inherited runners-scored: Edwards Jr. 1-0, Lee 2-2, Matzek 2-0. IBB: off McHugh (Soto), off Weems (Olson).
Umpires: Home, Brennan Miller; First, Marvin Hudson; Second, Adrian Johnson; Third, Ryan Blakney.
Time: 3:53. **A:** 32,053(41,084).

CHI. WHITE SOX 4, DETROIT 2

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Greene cf	3	1	1	0	1	.244
Baez ss	4	1	1	2	1	.213
H.Castro 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.268
Cabrera dh	4	0	0	0	0	.295
Schoop 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.212
Grossman lf	3	0	0	0	1	.202
Torkelson 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.198
Haase c	3	0	0	0	1	.234
Reyes rf	3	0	1	0	1	.310
TOTALS	**30**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**8**	
White Sox	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Moncada 3b	4	0	1	1	0	.189
Vaughn 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.291
Robert cf	4	1	0	0	1	.287
Abreu dh	3	1	0	0	1	.292
Sheets rf	3	1	2	1	0	.242
a-Pollock ph-lf	1	0	1	1	0	.242
E.Jimenez lf	3	0	1	1	0	.231
1-Engel pr-rf	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Garcia ss	4	1	2	0	1	.206
Harrison 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.235
McGuire c	3	0	0	0	1	.228
TOTALS	**32**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**4**	

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a-singled for Sheets in the 8th.
1-ran for E.Jimenez in the 8th.
E: H.Castro (6), Grossman (1).
LOB: Detroit 5, Chicago 6.
2B: Torkelson (11). **HR:** Baez (9), off Kopech; Sheets (7), off Hutchison.
RBIs: Baez 2(33), Moncada (18), Sheets (22), Pollock (25), E.Jimenez (12).
CS: Greene (2).
Runners left in scoring position: Detroit 3(Torkelson 2, Reyes); Chicago 2 (Harrison, Garcia). **RISP:** Detroit 0for 3; Chicago 3for 6. **Runners moved up:** Harrison. **GIDP:** Greene. **DP:** Chicago 1 (Harrison, Garcia, Vaughn).

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hutchison	6	5	2	2	1	3	4.08
Lange	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.91
Fulmer, L, 2-3	⅔	0	2	0	1	0	1.93
Soto	⅓	2	0	0	0	0	2.67
WHITE SOX	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Kopech	5⅓	4	2	2	3	4	3.35
Lambert	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	2.95
Lopez	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.00
Graveman, W, 3-1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.39
Hendriks, S, 17-20	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.51

Inherited runners-scored: Soto 2-2, Lambert 1-0. IBB: off Fulmer (Abreu).
HBP: Lambert (Grossman).
Umpires: Home, Junior Valentine; First, Chris Segal; Second, Andy Fletcher; Third, Bill Welke.
Time: 2:46. **A:** 31,072(40,615).

ST. LOUIS 4, PHILADELPHIA 3

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber lf	5	2	2	1	1	.222
Hoskins dh	4	0	2	0	1	.252
Castellanos rf	4	0	2	1	0	.251
Hall 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.286
Realmuto c	3	0	0	0	1	.236
Bohm 3b	4	1	1	0	1	.271
Stott ss	4	0	2	0	0	.180
Vierling cf	4	0	1	1	1	.239
Munoz 2b	3	0	0	0	2	.258
b-Gregorius ph	1	0	0	0	0	.245
TOTALS	**36**	**3**	**11**	**3**	**7**	
St. Louis	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Edman ss	4	0	1	1	1	.257
Gorman 2b	3	0	0	1	1	.248
Yepez rf	4	0	0	0	1	.259
Knizner c	0	0	0	0	0	.178
Arenado dh	2	1	1	0	0	.292
Dickerson lf	3	0	0	0	0	.183
Pujols 1b	4	1	3	1	0	.215
1-Carlson pr-cf	0	1	0	0	0	.252
Nootbaar cf-rf	4	0	1	1	0	.163
Sosa 3b	3	0	1	0	1	.179
Romine c	3	1	1	0	1	.133
a-Gldschmdt 1b	0	0	0	0	0	.340
TOTALS	**30**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**5**	

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a-walked for Romine in the 8th. b-flied out for Munoz in the 9th. 1-ran for Pujols in the 8th. **LOB:** Philadelphia 7, St. Louis 10. **2B:** Hoskins (18), Edman (13). HR: Schwarber (28), off Pallante; Pujols (5), off Sanchez. **RBIs:** Castellanos (45), Vierling (12), Schwarber (57), Nootbaar (9), Pujols (19), Gorman (20), Edman (33). SB: Vierling (3).
SF: Edman. **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 4(Hall, Bohm, Munoz 2); St. Louis 5(Dickerson 2, Edman 2, Gorman). **RISP:** Philadelphia 3for 7; St. Louis 1for 8. **Runners moved up:** Hall, Yepez, Gorman. **GIDP:** Hall, Realmuto, Pujols. **DP:** Philadelphia 1(Bohm, Munoz, Hall); St. Louis 2(Edman, Gorman, Pujols; Gorman, Edman, Pujols).

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Nelson	2	3	1	1	1	4	4.19
Familia	1	0	0	0	2	0	4.76
Sanchez, H, 2	3	2	2	2	1	1	3.80
Bellatti, BS, 1-2	1	1	0	0	1	0	3.14
Dominguez, L, 4-3	1	2	1	1	1	0	1.91
ST. LOUIS	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Pallante	5⅔	9	3	3	1	4	3.18
Oviedo	1⅓	2	0	0	0	2	3.10
Hicks, W, 2-4	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.28
Helsley, S, 7-10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.73

Inherited runners-scored: Bellatti 1-1, Oviedo 1-0. **HBP:** Familia (Arenado).
Umpires: Home, Todd Tichenor; First, John Bacon; Second, Rob Drake; Third, John Tumpane.
Time: 3:09. **A:** 36,112(45,494).

MIAMI 2, N.Y. METS 0 (10)

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wendle 2b-ss	3	0	0	0	2	.267
Berti lf-2b	4	0	3	0	0	.277
Cooper 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.300
1-Hamilton pr-lf	0	1	0	0	0	.000
Aguilar dh-1b	4	0	0	0	2	.250
Sanchez cf	4	1	1	0	1	.209
Anderson 3b	4	0	0	0	3	.257
De La Cruz rf	4	0	1	0	1	.226
Rojas ss	2	0	0	0	0	.251
L.Williams lf	2	0	1	1	0	.275
Scott p	0	0	0	0	0	---
Stallings c	4	0	0	0	2	.187
TOTALS	**34**	**2**	**6**	**1**	**12**	
N.Y. Mets	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Nimmo cf	5	0	0	0	0	.268
Canha lf	3	0	1	0	0	.273
Lindor ss	5	0	1	0	2	.239
Alonso dh-1b	4	0	1	0	0	.273
McNeil rf	4	0	0	0	2	.311
Do.Smith 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.210
a-Davis ph	1	0	0	0	0	.247
Hunter p	0	0	0	0	0	---
Escobar 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.216
Guillorme 2b	4	0	3	0	0	.303
Nido c	4	0	0	0	1	.216
TOTALS	**37**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**6**	

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a-reached on error for Do.Smith in the 9th. 1-ran for Cooper in the 10th.
E: Anderson (7), Wendle (6), Nido (4).
LOB: Miami 5, New York 10.
RBIs: L.Williams (6). **SB:** Berti (27).
Runners left in scoring position: Miami 3 (Anderson, Aguilar, Stallings); New York 4 (Nido, Lindor, McNeil, Alonso). **RISP:** Miami 1 for 7; New York 0 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Cooper, Lindor, Nimmo.
GIDP: Cooper, Nido, Lindor. **DP:** Miami 2 (Cooper, Rojas, Cooper; Wendle, Cooper); New York 2 (Lindor, Guillorme, Do.Smith; Lindor, Guillorme, Do.Smith).

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Alcantara	7	6	0	0	1	4	1.73
Bass	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.47
Bleier, W, 1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.84
Scott, S, 12-15	1	0	0	0	1	2	4.04
NY METS	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Walker	7	3	0	0	1	7	2.63
Dr.Smith	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.97
Diaz	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.78
Hunter, L, 0-1	1	3	2	1	0	2	2.25

HBP: Walker (Wendle).
Time: 2:57. **A:** 34,774(41,922).

L.A. DODGERS 11, CHI. CUBS 9

Chi Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Morel cf	4	0	0	0	3	.266
d-Ortega ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	.259
Contreras dh	4	1	0	0	0	.266
Happ lf	5	1	1	0	2	.276
Wisdom 3b	4	1	0	0	4	.228
Hoerner ss	5	2	3	1	0	.306
Higgins c	3	2	1	4	0	.276
Velazquez rf	4	1	1	1	1	.226
Bote 1b-2b	2	1	2	3	0	.280
Simmons 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.173
c-Suzuki ph	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Rivas 1b	0	0	0	0	0	.236
TOTALS	**33**	**9**	**8**	**9**	**10**	
LA Dodgers	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Betts rf	4	2	0	0	1	.272
T.Turner ss	5	1	2	2	0	.301
Freeman 1b	5	2	4	2	0	.304
Smith c	5	1	1	2	2	.257
J.Turner 3b	4	1	2	1	0	.250
Muncy dh	3	1	1	1	2	.162
T.Thompson cf	2	1	0	0	1	.241
b-Bellinger cf	1	0	1	0	0	.211
Alberto 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.221
a-Lamb ph-lf	4	0	1	0	2	.261
Lux lf-2b	3	2	2	1	0	.304
TOTALS	**37**	**11**	**14**	**9**	**8**	

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a-struck out for Alberto in the 3rd.
b-walked for T.Thompson in the 6th.
c-walked for Simmons in the 8th.
d-pinch hit for Morel in the 8th.
E: Wisdom (10), Velazquez (1).
LOB: Chicago 5, Los Angeles 10.
2B: Happ (23), Hoerner (10), Bote (2), Smith (11), Freeman (27), Muncy (8).
HR: Higgins (4), off Urias; Bote (1), off Bickford; Velazquez (2), off Price; Freeman (11), off Espinoza. **RBIs:** Hoerner (26), Higgins 4 (16), Bote 3 (3), Velazquez (6), Smith 2 (42), J.Turner (46), Muncy (26), Lux (20), T.Turner 2 (61), Freeman 2 (54). **SB:** Bote (1), T.Turner (17). **SF:** Muncy. **S:** Simmons.
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 3(Higgins, Simmons, Contreras); Los Angeles 4(Smith, Lamb 2, Lux). **RISP:** Chicago 3for 10; Los Angeles 5for 14. **Runners moved up:** Morel, Smith. **GIDP:** Contreras, Betts. **DP:** Chicago 1(Hoerner, Simmons, Bote); Los Angeles 1(Lux, T.Turner, Freeman).

CHI CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Smyly	2	5	4	4	1	1	4.43
Swarmer	⅔	2	4	1	2	1	5.18
Leiter Jr., L, 2-4,	⅓	2	1	0	0	1	5.14
Espinoza	3	1	1	1	4	2	3.86
Martin	1	2	1	1	0	2	3.81
Wick	1	2	0	0	0	1	5.15
LA DODGERS	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Urias	2	3	5	5	1	3	3.01
Bickford, W, 1-1	1	2	3	3	2	3	5.40
Almonte, H, 5	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.52
Ferguson, H, 4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Vesia, H, 8	1⅔	0	0	0	0	2	2.93
Price, H, 3	⅓	3	1	1	1	0	3.38
Graterol, S, 3-4	2	0	0	0	0	1	3.35

Inherited runners-scored: Swarmer 1-1, Leiter Jr. 3-3, Graterol 2-0. **HBP:** Urias 2(Contreras,Wisdom), Vesia (Bote).
WP: Martin. PB: Higgins (2). **Umpires:** Home, Chris Guccione; First, Jose Navas; Second, Ryan Additon; Third, Jordan Baker. T: 3:59. **A:** 41,824(56,000).

CINCINNATI 10, TAMPA BAY 5

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Y.Diaz 3b	4	0	3	2	0	.299
Aranda 1b	1	0	0	0	0	.500
Ramirez dh	4	0	2	0	1	.324
Walls ss	5	0	1	0	4	.164
Arozarena lf	3	1	2	1	1	.255
a-L.Raley ph-lf	2	0	0	0	2	.111
Paredes 1b-3b	5	1	1	0	1	.240
Lowe rf	4	2	2	1	0	.186
Chang 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.153
Pinto c	3	1	1	1	1	.204
Phillips cf	3	0	0	0	2	.146
TOTALS	**38**	**5**	**12**	**5**	**14**	
Cincinnati	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
India 2b	5	1	1	2	1	.215
Drury 3b	5	1	1	0	0	.277
Pham lf	5	2	2	0	0	.248
Naquin rf	4	2	1	2	1	.248
Stephenson c	4	1	3	2	1	.320
Solano dh	4	1	3	1	1	.288
Moustakas 1b	4	1	1	2	1	.207
Almora Jr. cf	4	0	0	0	1	.234
Reynolds ss	4	1	2	0	2	.255
TOTALS	**39**	**10**	**14**	**9**	**8**	

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a-struck out for Arozarena in the 7th.
E: Pinto (3). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 9, Cincinnati 6. **2B:** Y.Diaz (16), Arozarena (20), Drury (18), Naquin (12), Reynolds (7). 3B: Pham (1). HR: Arozarena (10), off Lodolo; Lowe (2), off Kuhnel; Pinto (2), off Kuhnel; India (3), off Baz; Stephenson (6), off Baz; Moustakas (4), off Baz. **RBIs:** Arozarena (40), Y.Diaz 2(20), Lowe (9), Pinto (8), India 2(12), Stephenson 2(33), Moustakas 2(19), Naquin 2(25), Solano (5).
Runners left in scoring position: Tampa Bay 4(Chang, Walls 2, Paredes); Cincinnati 4(Drury, Moustakas 2, Almora Jr.). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 2for 11; Cincinnati 4 for 13.

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Baz, L, 1-2	2⅓	8	7	7	0	2	5.00
Sanders	1⅔	4	3	3	0	3	3.07
Armstrong	3	2	0	0	0	3	3.50
Thompson	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.71
CINCINNATI	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Lodolo, W, 2-2	5	9	3	3	1	6	4.44
Moreta	2	0	0	0	0	4	7.56
Kuhnel	1	2	2	2	0	2	6.84
A.Diaz	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.25

HBP: Lodolo (Phillips), Moreta (Pinto), Armstrong (Naquin).
Umpires: Home, Lance Barrett; First, Ramon De Jesus; Second, Edwin Moscoso; Third, Alfonso Marquez.
Time: 3:19. **A:** 21,748(42,319).

LATE SATURDAY: BOSTON 6, N.Y. YANKEES 5 (10)

NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Judge rf-cf	5	1	2	1	2	.284
Torres 2b	5	1	1	0	1	.268
Rizzo 1b	5	1	2	2	1	.226
Stanton dh	5	0	0	0	4	.232
Donaldson 3b	4	0	1	1	2	.231
Carpenter lf	2	0	2	0	0	.328
1-Gallo pr-rf	0	0	0	0	0	.166
Hicks cf-lf	3	1	1	1	1	.241
Kiner-Falefa ss	4	0	0	0	1	.268
Higashioka c	3	0	1	0	0	.177
b-LeMahieu ph	1	0	0	0	0	.264
Trevino c	0	1	0	0	0	.255
TOTALS	**37**	**5**	**10**	**5**	**12**	
Boston	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Refsnyder rf	5	2	2	1	2	.344
Vazquez 1b-c	5	0	0	0	0	.289
Martinez dh	4	0	1	0	0	.313
2-Downs pr-dh	1	2	1	1	0	.200
Bogaerts ss	4	1	2	0	0	.309
Verdugo lf	5	0	3	3	0	.259
Story 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.221
Dalbec 3b	3	0	1	1	1	.212
Plawecki c	2	0	0	0	0	.156
a-Cordero ph-1b	2	0	0	0	1	.249
Duran cf	4	1	0	0	2	.291
TOTALS	**39**	**6**	**10**	**6**	**7**	

N.Y. Yankees 000 012 000 2 — 5 10 0
Boston 010 001 010 3 — 6 10 0

Two outs when winning run scored.
a-struck out for Plawecki in the 7th.
b-pinch hit for Higashioka in the 9th.
1-ran for Carpenter in the 6th. 2-ran for Martinez in the 8th. **LOB:** New York 6, Boston 7. **2B:** Rizzo 2(12), Judge (14), Martinez (27). **HR:** Hicks (6), off Crawford; Refsnyder (3), off Montgomery.
RBIs: Hicks (26), Rizzo 2(54), Donaldson (33), Judge (65), Dalbec (20), Refsnyder (11), Verdugo 3(46), Downs (1). CS: Higashioka (1), Rizzo (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 2(Kiner-Falefa 2); Boston 2(Story 2). **RISP:** New York 3for 8; Boston 5for 10. **Runners moved up:** Torres, Verdugo, Bogaerts.

NY YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montgomery	5⅔	5	2	2	1	4	3.19
King, H, 14	2	1	1	1	0	2	2.33
Holmes, BS, 16-18	1⅓	1	0	0	1	1	0.46
Peralta, L, 2-2	⅔	3	3	2	0	0	2.51
BOSTON	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Crawford	5	4	1	1	2	6	4.50
Brasier	⅓	3	2	2	0	1	4.55
Strahm	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	3.71
Schreiber	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.62
Houck	2	0	0	0	1	2	3.33
Diekman, W, 4-0	1	2	2	1	0	1	2.93

Inherited runners-scored: King 2-0, Holmes 1-1, Strahm 1-0.
WP: Crawford. **Umpires:** Home, Jerry Layne; First, Tripp Gibson; Second, Erich Bacchus; Third, Chad Fairchild. T: 3:39. **A:** 36,945(37,755).

2022 ALL-STAR ROSTERS

Gme: Tuesday, July 19 at Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles; i-inactive will be replaced

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Manager: Dusty Baker, Houston
Catcher: Alejandro Kirk, Toronto
First Base: Vladimir Guerrero Jr., Toronto
Second Base: Jose Altuve, Houston
Shortstop: Tim Anderson, Chi White Sox
Third Base: Rafael Devers, Boston
Designated Hitter: Shohei Ohtani, LAA
Outfield: Aaron Judge, N.Y. Yankees
Outfield: Mike Trout, L.A. Angels
Outfield: Giancarlo Stanton, N.Y. Yankees
RESERVES
Catchers
Jose Trevino, N.Y. Yankees
Infielders
Xander Bogaerts, SS, Boston
Jose Ramirez, 3B, Cleveland
Luis Arraez, 1B, Minnesota
Andres Gimenez, 2B, Cleveland
Outfielders
George Springer, Toronto
Byron Buxton, Minnesota
Andrew Benintendi, Kansas City
Kyle Tucker, Houston
Julio Rodriguez, Seattle
Designated Hitters
Yordan Alvarez, Houston
Miguel Cabrera, Det (Special Selection)
Shohei Ohtani, LA Angels
Starting Pitchers
Shane McClanahan, Tampa Bay
Nestor Cortes, N.Y. Yankees
Alek Manoah, Toronto
Framber Valdez, Houston
Martín Perez, Texas
Paul Blackburn, L.A. Angels
Gerrit Cole, N.Y. Yankees
Justin Verlander, Houston
Shohei Ohtani, L.A. Angels
Relievers
Clay Holmes, N.Y. Yankees
Emmanuel Clase, Cleveland
Gregory Soto, Detroit
Jorge Lopez, Baltimore

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Manager: Brian Snitker, Atlanta
Starters
Catcher: Willson Contreras, Chi Cubs
First Base: Paul Goldschmidt, St. Louis
Second Base: Jazz Chisholm Jr., Miami
Shortstop: Trea Turner, L.A. Dodgers
Third Base: Manny Machado, San Diego
Designated Hitter: i-Bryce Harper, Phi.
Outfield: Ronald Acuna Jr., Atlanta
Outfield: Mookie Betts, L.A. Dodgers
Outfield: Joc Pederson, San Francisco
RESERVES
Catchers
William Contreras, Atlanta Braves
Travis d'Arnaud, Atlanta Braves
Infielders
Nolan Arenado, 3B, St. Louis
Pete Alonso, 1B, N.Y. Mets
Jeff McNeil, 2B, N.Y. Mets
C.J. Cron, 1B, Colorado
Dansby Swanson, SS, Atlanta
Outfielders
Kyle Schwarber, OF, Philadelphia
Juan Soto, OF, Washington
Starling Marte, OF, N.Y. Mets
Ian Happ, OF, Chi. Cubs
Designated Hitters
Albert Pujols, DH/1B, St. Louis (Special Selection)

Starting Pitchers
Clayton Kershaw, Los Angeles Dodgers
Sandy Alcantara, Miami Marlins
Corbin Burnes, Milwaukee Brewers
Luis Castillo, Cincinnati Reds
Max Fried, Atlanta Braves
Tony Gonsolin, Los Angeles Dodgers
Joe Musgrove, San Diego Padres

Relievers
Edwin Diaz, New York Mets
Josh Hader, Milwaukee Brewers
Ryan Helsley, St. Louis Cardinals
David Bednar, Pittsburgh Pirates
Joe Mantiply, Arizona Diamondbacks

ON THIS DATE

JULY 11
2000: Derek Jeter of the Yankees went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and a run scored as the AL defeated the NL 6-3 in the All-Star game. Jeter became the first Yankee to win the All-Star game MVP.
2006: With the American League down to its final strike, Michael Young hit a two-run triple off Trevor Hoffman for a 3-2 victory that kept the Americans unbeaten in Major League Baseball's All-Star game for the past decade. The NL took a 2-1 lead into the ninth behind David Wright's homer and some daring, old-style baserunning.
2009: Nick Johnson, Josh Willingham and Dunn homered in consecutive at-bats and the Nationals set season highs for hits and runs in a 13-2 win at Houston.
2015: The Marlins set a team record with 9 consecutive hits in the 7th inning of a 14-3 win over the Reds.
2021: Successfully defending his Home Run Derby crown, Pete Alonso blasts 23 home runs in the finals, defeating Orioles' first baseman Trey Mancini. The Mers slugger established a first-round record with 35 home runs in the Coors Field contest.

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

AMERICAN LEAGUE			2022		2021 VS OPP				LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Det	Pineda (R)	G1	2-3	3.62	4-3	0-1	5.0	5.40	1-1	11.1	3.97
KC	Keller (R)	2:10p	4-9	4.37	6-10	1-1	13.0	1.38	2-1	15.1	4.70
Bos	Bello (R)		0-1	9.00	0-1	0-1	4.0	9.00	0-1	4.0	9.00
TB	TBD	7:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
ChW	Lynn (R)		1-1	5.33	4-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	17.2	5.09
Cle	Quantrill (R)	7:10p	4-5	3.86	6-9	0-1	6.1	5.68	0-1	17.0	4.24
Oak	Martinez (R)		2-1	6.00	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	15.0	6.00
Tex	Howard (R)	8:05p	0-1	10.97	1-1	0-1	2.0	9.00	0-1	10.2	12.66
Det	Faedo (R)	G2	1-4	5.02	6-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	12.0	7.50
KC	Lynch (L)	8:10p	3-7	4.95	5-8	1-1	10.2	2.53	1-2	15.0	3.60

NATIONAL LEAGUE			2022		2021 VS OPP				LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Pit	Keller (R)		2-6	5.21	4-10	0-0	2.0	9.00	0-1	15.0	7.20
Mia	Rogers (L)	6:40p	4-7	5.57	5-11	0-0	6.0	3.00	1-1	14.0	4.50
Phi	Nola (R)		5-6	3.15	7-10	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	21.2	3.32
StL	Mikolas (R)	7:15p	5-7	2.72	9-8	0-1	5.1	3.38	0-2	17.1	3.12
NYM	Scherzer (R)		5-1	2.26	6-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	18.2	0.96
Atl	Fried (L)	7:20p	9-2	2.52	13-4	1-0	6.0	3.00	2-0	19.2	1.37
SD	Manaea (L)		3-4	4.18	7-8	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	15.1	5.28
Col	Ureña (R)	8:40p	0-0	2.51	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	12.2	0.71
Ari	Kelly (R)		7-5	3.42	8-9	0-0	6.1	2.84	1-1	19.1	3.26
SF	Cobb (R)	9:45p	3-3	4.74	5-7	0-0	6.0	6.00	0-1	15.1	2.35

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Baltimore 9, L.A. Angels 5
Chi. White Sox 4, Detroit 2
Kansas City 5, Cleveland 1
Cincinnati 10, Tampa Bay 5
Minnesota 6, Texas 5
Houston 6, Oakland 1
Seattle 6, Toronto 5
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, late

TUESDAY'S GAMES
G1: Chi. White Sox at Cleveland, 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 7:05p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:07p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:10p.m.
G2: Chi. White Sox at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 7:40p.m.
Baltimore at Chi. Cubs, 8:05p.m.
Oakland at Texas, 8:05p.m.
Detroit at Kansas City, 8:10p.m.
Houston at L.A. Angels, 9:38p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Chi. White Sox 8, Detroit 0
Oakland 3, Houston 2
Baltimore 1, L.A. Angels 0
Cleveland 13, Kansas City 1
Texas 9, Minnesota 7
Boston 6, N.Y. Yankees 5 (10)
Seattle 2, Toronto 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Miami 2, N.Y. Mets 0 (10)
Cincinnati 10, Tampa Bay 5
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3
Atlanta 4, Washington 3 (12)
Pittsburgh 8, Milwaukee 6
Colorado 3, Arizona 2
San Francisco 12, San Diego 0
L.A. Dodgers 11, Chi. Cubs 9

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh at Miami, 6:40p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 7:05p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:07p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 7:20p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 7:40p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis, 7:45p.m.
Baltimore at Chicago Cubs, 8:05p.m.
San Diego at Colorado, 8:40p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 9:45p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 1, St. Louis 0
Atlanta 4, Washington 3
Arizona 9, Colorado 2
Pittsburgh 4, Milwaukee 3
N.Y. Mets 5, Miami 4 (10)
Cincinnati 5, Tampa Bay 4 (10)
San Francisco 3, San Diego 1
L.A. Dodgers 4, Chi. Cubs 2

AROUND THE HORN

■ **All-Star Game:** Angels two-way player Shohei Ohtani was picked for the American League pitching staff in the All-Star Game as a Major League Baseball selection Sunday, two days after he was elected by fans to start at designated hitter. Pitchers Clay Holmes, Gerrit Cole and Nestor Cortes made the AL team from the Yankees along with catcher Jose Trevino, giving the MLB leaders six All-Stars for the first time since 2011. Outfielders Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton were elected to start. The World Series champion Braves and defending AL champion Astros have five All-Stars. The Dodgers, Mets, Cardianls and Blue Jays have four All-Stars.

■ **Orioles:** The Orioles rolled to their eighth straight victory, using successive four-run innings and three RBIs by Ramón Urías to beat the visiting Angels 9-5. The Orioles fell behind 2-0 before storming back to complete a 7-0 homestand and their first four-game sweep of the Angels since 2003. The Orioles hadn't won eight consecutive games in a season since April 22 to May 1, 2005, though they won 12 straight across two seasons in late 2015 and early 2016. The Orioles (43-44) moved within one game of .500 for the first time since they were 0-1.

■ **Rangers:** Ted Nichols-Payne, the Texas Rangers' radio network engineer for nearly 30 years, collapsed in the parking lot of Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas, before Sunday's game against Minnesota and died at a hospital. He was 56. Nichols-Payne worked in Dallas for 31 years at the company now called Audacy and formerly CBS Radio. He was the primary engineer and technical director on Rangers' radio broadcasts from 1995-2010, first on KRLD-AM and then on 105.3 The FAN. He resumed that role when the Rangers' English radio rights returned to 105.3 in 2015.

■ **Extra innings:** OF Robbie Grossman dropped Luis Robert's short fly with two outs in the eighth to end his record errorless streak at 440 games and set up two unearned runs that snapped a tie, lifting the White Sox to a 4-2 win over the visiting Tigers. Robert reached second when Grossman raced in and the ball bounced off his glove and fell in. The 32-year-old Tigers outfielder hadn't made an error since June 13, 2018, while with the Twins, setting a major league record for a position player. ... Mike Moustakas, Tyler Stephenson and Jonathan India each hit a two-run HR in the third and the host Reds beat the Rays 10-5 for a three-game sweep. It was the 200th career HR for 33-year-old Moustakas. ... Carlos Santana hits pair of HRs to send the Mariners past the visiting Blue Jays 6-5. It was the Mariners' eighth straight victory. Blue Jays 1B Vladimir Guerrero Jr. had a throw from C Gabriel Moreno on a potential inning-ending double play in the fifth bust through the webbing of his glove, allowing a run to score. Bo Bichette had a homer, two singles and drove in three runs for the Jays, who were swept in the four-game series and have lost nine of their last 10. ... The Rays placed SS Wander Franco was put on the 10-day IL, one day after he left the game against the Reds with right wrist discomfort. ... The Astros placed slugger Yordan Álvarez on the 10-day IL because of a right hand injury that has gotten worse. He's expected to possibly return after the All-Star break. ... The Mets placed C James McCann on the 10-day IL with a left oblique strain. McCann was injured while reaching to apply a tag during Saturday's win over the Marlins. Mets manager Buck Showalter indicated that McCann was expected to be out "longer than 10 days."

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
N.Y. Red Bulls	9	5	6	33	30	21
Philadelphia	8	2	9	33	29	13
New York City FC	9	4	5	32	37	21
CF Montréal	9	8	2	29	33	35
Orlando City	8	7	4	28	24	28
Charlotte FC	8	10	2	26	23	24
Cincinnati	7	7	5	26	30	33
Columbus	6	5	7	25	23	20
New England	6	6	7	25	31	32
Inter Miami CF	6	8	4	22	18	27
Atlanta	5	8	5	20	26	29
Toronto FC	5	10	4	19	26	36
D.C. United	5	10	2	17	23	37
Chicago	4	10	5	17	18	27
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Los Angeles FC	12	4	3	39	38	21
Austin FC	11	4	4	37	38	22
Real Salt Lake	8	5	6	30	24	24
FC Dallas	7	5	7	28	30	23
LA Galaxy	8	7	3	27	26	22
Minnesota United	8	8	3	27	26	24
Nashville	7	6	6	27	25	25
Seattle	8	8	2	26	26	22
Portland	6	6	8	26	32	29
Vancouver	7	9	3	24	20	31
Houston	6	9	4	22	24	25
Colorado	5	8	5	20	21	26
Sporting KC	5	11	4	19	18	34
San Jose	4	7	7	19	29	37

Three points for win, one point for tie.

TUESDAY'S MATCH
Houston at Austin FC, 8p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
Real Salt Lake at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
Toronto FC at Chicago, 7p.m.
Vancouver at Cincinnati, 7p.m.
Columbus at D.C. United, 7p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7p.m.
Sporting KC at Minnesota, 7p.m.
Seattle at Nashville, 7:30p.m.
Orlando City at Colorado, 8p.m.
New York City FC at FC Dallas, 8p.m.
San Jose at LA Galaxy, 9p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
New York City FC 4, New England 2
Portland 3, Seattle 0
Austin FC 3, Atlanta 0
Charlotte FC 4, Nashville 1
N.Y. Red Bulls 1, Cincinnati 1
Sporting KC 2, CF Montréal 1
San Jose 2, Toronto FC 2
Columbus 3, Chicago 2
FC Dallas 2, Houston 2
Colorado 2, Real Salt Lake 2
Orlando City 1, Miami 0

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	6	3	3	21	19	11
Chicago	5	1	5	20	19	12
Portland	4	1	6	18	24	10
OL Reign	4	2	5	17	11	8
Angel City FC	5	4	2	17	10	11
Houston	4	4	3	15	16	13
Kansas City	4	4	3	15	11	14
Gotham FC	4	5	0	12	7	13
Orlando	3	5	3	12	12	26
Louisville	2	5	4	10	13	18
Washington	1	5	6	9	11	15
North Carolina	2	5	2	8	14	16

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Kansas City 1, Washington 0
North Carolina 2, Chicago 2
Portland 2, OL Reign 2

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Angel City FC at North Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Louisville at San Diego Wave FC, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULT
Angel City FC 2, San Diego Wave FC 1

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (7-0-1)
v-Monday: at Mexico, 10p.m.
v-CONCACAF W Championship

WNBA

EASTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	16	6	.727	—
Connecticut	14	8	.636	2
Washington	14	10	.583	3
Atlanta	10	12	.455	6
New York	9	13	.409	7
Indiana	5	19	.208	12
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Las Vegas	15	7	.682	—
Seattle	15	8	.652	½
Los Angeles	10	12	.455	5
Dallas	10	12	.455	5
Phoenix	10	14	.417	6
Minnesota	8	15	.348	7½

SUNDAY'S ALL-STAR GAME
Team Wilson 134, Team Stewart 112

SATURDAY'S THREE-POINT CONTEST
At McCormick Place, Chicago

Player, Team	1st	2nd	Total
Allie Quigley, Chi	26	30	56
Ariel Atkins, Wash	42	21	45
Rhyne Howard, Atl	24	14	38
Arike Ogunbowale, Dal	21	--	--
Jewell Loyd, Sea	18	--	--
Kelsey Plum, LV	14	--	--

SKILLS CHALLENGE WINNERS
Sabrina Ionescu, New York and Zoe Brooks, NC State commit.

TM WILSON 134, TM STEWART 112

STEWART	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	PF	PT
Ogwumike	15:14	6-9	0-0	0-1	0	0	12
Stewart	25:27	5-8	2-2	1-4	2	1	14
J.Jones	26:27	11-20	2-2	3-13	5	1	29
Bird	15:16	0-3	0-0	1-1	6	1	0
Young	12:13	1-4	0-0	0-2	1	2	2
Ogunbowale	24:15	4-16	0-0	2-5	3	1	11
Loyd	19:35	7-16	0-0	0-1	0	1	21
Copper	17:26	4-11	0-0	0-2	2	0	8
Diggins-Smith	16:48	1-9	0-0	1-1	6	0	3
Thomas	13:46	2-2	0-0	2-8	2	0	4
Meesseman	13:33	4-7	0-0	2-4	0	0	8
Totals	200:00	45-105	4-4	12-42	27	7	112

Percentages: FG .429, FT 1.000.
3-Ptrs: 18-60, .300 (Loyd 7-13, J.Jones 5-11, Ogunbowale 3-12, Stewart 2-5, Diggins-Smith 1-6, Meesseman 0-1, Ogwumike 0-2, Young 0-2, Bird 0-3, Copper 0-5).
Blocks: 2 (Diggins-Smith, Stewart).
TO: 10 (Diggins-Smith 3, Bird 2, Copper, Loyd, Ogunbowale, Stewart, Young).
Stl: 10 (Dg-Smith 2, J.Jones 2, Ogunbowale 2, Stewart 2, Meesseman, Thomas).

WILSON	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	PF	PT
Parker	22:36	5-12	3-4	2-8	3	1	15
Wilson	20:29	3-8	4-4	2-5	1	0	10
Fowles	20:26	3-4	0-0	5-9	6	0	7
Ionescu	22:36	6-10	1-1	0-6	6	0	19
m-Plum	22:36	12-18	1-1	0-2	3	0	30
Atkins	17:24	2-5	0-0	0-2	2	0	4
B.Jones	17:24	4-9	2-2	1-4	2	0	10
Vandersloot	17:24	4-6	0-0	1-6	8	1	8
R.Howard	15:17	5-9	0-0	0-5	4	0	13
N.Howard	13:54	3-7	0-0	0-2	1	0	8
Hamby	9:54	4-8	0-0	1-5	1	1	10
Totals	200:00	51-96	11-12	12-54	37	3	134

Percentages: FG .531, FT .917.
3-ptrs: 21-49, .429 (Ionescu 6-10, Plum 5-11, R.Howard 3-7, Hamby 2-3, N.Howard 2-4, Parker 2-4, Fowles 1-1, B.Jones 0-1, Vandersloot 0-2, Atkins 0-3, Wilson 0-3).
Blocks: 2 (Fowles, Parker).
Turnovers: 16 (Parker 3, Vandersloot 3, Hamby 2, Ionescu 2, Plum 2, Atkins, B.Jones, R.Howard, Wilson).
Steals: 6 (Fowles 3, Vandersloot 2, R.Howard). **m-voted most game MVP.**

Team Stewart	28	11	38	35—112
Team Wilson	23	36	33	42—134

A: 9,572(10,387). **Time:** 1:34.

NBA SUMMER LEAGUE

NBA 2K23 SUMMER LEAGUE
At Las Vegas
Sunday's results
Sacramento 103, Indiana 96
Brooklyn 91, Philadelphia 84
New York 101, Chicago 69
Washington 97, Phoenix 72
Denver 84, Cleveland 76
Golden State vs. San Antonio, late
Minnesota vs. Memphis, late
Charlotte vs. L.A. Lakers, late

Monday's games
New Orleans vs. Atlanta, 5p.m.
Houston vs. San Antonio, 6p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Boston, 7p.m.
Orlando vs. Oklahoma City, 8p.m.
Dallas vs. Utah, 9p.m.
New York vs. Portland, 10p.m.

TENNIS

135TH WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS
At the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London, outdoors-grass
MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP
#1Novak Djokovic d. Nick Kyrgios, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6(3).

N. DJOKOVIC	Time: 3:10.	N. KYRGIOS
15	Aces	30
7	Double Faults	7
63%	First Serve % In	73%
83%	Win % on 1st Serve	70%
61%	Win % on 2nd Serve	53%
21-35	Net Points Won	19-34
2-4	Break Points Won	1-6
43-125	Receiving Points Won	30-119
46	Winners	62
17	Unforced Errors	33
132	Total Points Won	112
2632.7m	Distance Covered	2827.7m
10.8m	Distance Covered/Pt.	11.6m
22	Service Games	20
106.9	Average Serve (mph)	120.5
122.4	Fastest Serve (mph)	135.5

DJOKOVIC VS. KYRGIOS
Kyrgios leads 2-1
2017 Indian Wells R16: NK 6-4, 7-6 (3).
2017 Acapulco QF: NK 7-6 (9), 7-5.
2022EVENT CHAMPIONS
Women's singles: Elena Rybakina
Men's doubles: Matt Ebden/Max Purcell
Women's doubles: Barbora Krejcíková/ Katerina Siniaková
Mixed doubles: Neal Skupski/ Desirae Krawczyk
Wheelchair singles: Shingo Kunieda
Wheelchair women's singles: Diede de Groot
Wheelchair quad: Sam Schröder
Wheelchair doubles: Gustavo Fernández/ Shingo Kunieda
Wheelchair women's doubles: Yui Kamiji/Dana Mathewson
Wheelchair quad doubles: Niels Vink/ Sam Schroder
Boys' singles: Mili Poljicak
Girls' singles: Liv Hovde
Boys' doubles: Sebastian Gorzny/ Alex Michelsen
Girls' doubles: Rose Marie Nijkamp/ Angella Okutoyi
Gentlemen's invitation doubles: Bob Bryan /Mike Bryan
Ladies' invitation doubles: Kim Clijsters/Martina Hingis

GRAND SLAM MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

TOT	PLAYER	AUS	FR	WM	US
22	Rafael Nadal	2	14	2	4
21	Novak Djokovic	9	2	7	3
20	Roger Federer	6	1	8	5
14	Pete Sampras	2	0	7	5
12	Roy Emerson	6	2	2	2
11	Rod Laver	3	2	4	2
11	Björn Borg	0	6	5	0
10	Bill Tilden	0	0	3	7

RECENT MEN'S SINGLES FINALS
2021: Djokovic def. Matteo Berrettini, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.
2020: Canceled.
2019: Djokovic def. Roger Federer, 7-6 (5), 1-6, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 13-12 (3).
2018: Djokovic def. Kevin Anderson, 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (3).
2017: Roger Federer def. Marin Cilic, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.
2016: Andy Murray def. Milos Raonic, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (2).
2015: Djokovic def. Roger Federer, 7-6 (1), 6-7 (10), 6-4, 6-3.
2014: Novak Djokovic def. Roger Federer, 6-7 (7), 6-4, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 6-4.
2013: Andy Murray def. Djokovic, 6-4, 7-5, 6-4.
2012: Roger Federer def. Andy Murray, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.
2011: Djokovic def. Rafael Nadal, 6-4, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3.
2010: Rafael Nadal def. Tomas Berdych, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.
2009: Roger Federer def. Andy Roddick, 5-7, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5), 3-6, 16-14.

WTA GRAND EST OPEN 88
At Tennis Club de Contrexeville, Contrexeville, France, outdoors: red clay.
WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
Sara Errani d. #6Dalma Galfi, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6(4).

WTA NORDEA OPEN
At Bastad Tennis Stadium, Bastad, Sweden, outdoors: red clay.
WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
Jang Su Jeong d. Reka Masarova, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

CYCLING

109TH TOUR DE FRANCE
Sunday's 9th stage, 193-km (120-mile)
Aigle to Chatel Les Portes Du Soleil
STAGE 9 RESULTS *-time behind leader
1. Bob Jungels, Luxembourg 4:46:39
2. Jonathan Castroveijo, Spain :22*
3. Carlos Verona, Spain :26*
4. Thibaut Pinot, France :40*
5. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia :49*
6. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark :49*
7. Geraint Thomas, Great Britain :52*
8. Adam Yates, Great Britain :52*
9. Enric Mas, Spain :52*
10. Nairo Quintana, Colombia :52*
Also
18. Neilson Powless, U.S. 1:03*
19. Sepp Kuss, U.S. 1:03*
26. Brandon McNulty, U.S. 1:12*
44. Joe Dombrowski, U.S. 12:02*
45. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 12:02*
88. Quinn Simmons, U.S. 23:38*
OVERALL STANDINGS
1. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 33:43:44
2. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark :39*
3. Geraint Thomas, Great Britain 1:17*
4. Adam Yates, Great Britain 1:25*
5. David Gaudu, France 1:38*
6. Romain Bardet, France 1:39*
7. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britain 1:46*
8. Enric Mas, Spain 1:50*
9. Neilson Powless, U.S. 1:55*
10. Nairo Quintana, Colombia 2:13*
Also
30. Brandon McNulty, U.S. 7:02*
40. Sepp Kuss, U.S. 13:36*
64. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 16:55*
138. Joe Dombrowski, U.S. 37:19*
153. Quinn Simmons, U.S. 49:55*
YOUNG RIDERS STANDINGS
1. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 33:43:44.
2. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britain 1:46*
3. Brandon McNulty, U.S. 7:25*
4. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 28:08*
5. Andreas Leknessund, Norway 30:03*
6. Kevin Geniets, Luxembourg 32:37*
7. Georg Zimmerman, Germany 43:14*
8. Jasper Philipsen, Belgium 46:39*
9. Andreas Kron, Denmark 47:13*
10. Michael Storer, Australia 49:01*
Also
21. Quinn Simmons, U.S. 1:12:44
MOUNTAIN STANDINGS PT
1. Simmon Geschke, Germany 19.
2. Bob Jungels, Luxembourg 18
3. Thibaut Pinot, France 14
4. Magnus Cort Nielsen, Denmark 11
5. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 10
6. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark 8
7. Pierre Latour, France 7
8. Carlos Verona, Spain 7
9. Primoz Roglic, Slovenia 6
10. Hugo Houle, Canada 6

UPCOMING STAGES
Monday: rest day
Tuesday Stage 10: Morzine Les Portes Du Soleil—Megeve, hilly, 148.1 (92)
Wednesday Stage 11: Ablertville—Col Du Granon Serre Chevalier, mountain, 151.7 (94)

ODDS

MLB **MONDAY**
NATIONAL LEAGUE

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Miami	-158	Pittsburgh	+136
Philadelphia	off	at St. Louis	off
at Atlanta	-125	NY Mets	+105
San Diego	-135	at Colorado	+115
at San Fran.	-158	Arizona	+136
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
at Kansas City	-139	Detroit (G1)	+118
at Tampa Bay	off	Boston	off
Chi White Sox	-115	at Cleveland	-105
at Texas	-164	Oakland	+143
at Kansas City	-135	Detroit (G2)	+115

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

GOLF

GENESIS SCOTTISH OPEN
4th of 4 rounds, The Renaissance Club,North Berwick, United Kingdom, 7,237 yards; Par: 70

273 (-7)	
Xander Schauffele	72-65-66-70
274 (-6)	
Kurt Kitayama	66-71-71-66
275 (-5)	
Joohyung Kim	68-71-69-67
276 (-4)	
Patrick Cantlay	70-70-69-67
Tommy Fleetwood	73-69-67-67
277 (-3)	
Jamie Donaldson	70-71-69-67
Matt Fitzpatrick	71-66-70-70
Cameron Tringale	61-72-74-70
Brandon Wu	67-72-71-67
278 (-2)	
Dean Burmester	68-72-70-68
Thomas Detry	73-67-69-69
Rasmus Hojgaard	66-72-70-70
Alex Smalley	67-73-67-71
Cameron Smith	68-75-68-67
Jordan Spieth	68-72-66-72
279 (-1)	
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	73-70-70-66
Wyndham Clark	71-71-70-67
Doug Ghim	67-69-74-69
Max Homa	71-71-66-71
Maverick McNealy	73-70-69-67
Joaquin Niemann	69-69-70-71
Ryan Palmer	67-72-67-73
Jason Scrivener	69-73-72-65
280 (even)	
Stewart Cink	70-73-70-67
Branden Grace	69-72-67-72
Tyrrell Hatton	68-70-72-70
Thriston Lawrence	69-71-71-69
Jordan L. Smith	68-69-69-74
Sami Valimaki	70-73-71-66
281 (+1)	
Maximilian Kieffer	71-68-72-70
Mikko Korhonen	69-74-68-70
Troy Merritt	74-69-71-67
Alex Noren	73-68-71-69
Thorbjorn Olesen	73-69-72-67
Gary Woodland	64-72-72-73
282 (+2)	
Rafa Cabrera Bello	69-69-67-77
Keith Mitchell	73-70-73-66
James Morrison	75-68-69-70
Matthieu Pavon	72-70-73-67
Jhonattan Vegas	72-68-70-72
Fabrizio Zanotti	70-72-69-71

BRIDGESTONE SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP
4th of 4 rounds, Firestone Country Club - South Course, Akron, Ohio
7,248 yards; Par: 70

Jerry Kelly	67-69-65-68—269	-11
Steve Stricker	70-65-68-68—271	-9
Steven Alker	68-66-69-69—272	-8
Ernie Els	67-68-69-68—272	-8
Stephen Ames	70-71-68-65—274	-6
Woody Austin	69-66-71-68—274	-6
Alex Cejka	64-70-67-73—274	-6
Ken Duke	70-66-72-66—274	-6
David Toms	66-69-70-70—275	-5
Marco Dawson	69-68-68-71—276	-4
K.J. Choi	71-69-65-72—277	-3
Miguel A. Jimenez	68-68-76-65—277	-3
Rob Labritz	70-68-67-72—277	-3
Rod Pampling	73-64-72-68—277	-3
Tim Petrovic	68-66-73-70—277	-3
Wes Short	71-69-69-68—277	-3
Thongchai Jaidee	71-73-68-66—278	-2
Rocco Mediate	68-69-72-69—278	-2
Y.E. Yang	70-70-70-68—278	-2
Shane Bertsch	68-70-68-73—279	-1
Paul Goydos	69-70-70-70—279	-1
Paul Broadhurst	73-68-71-68—280	E
John Huston	71-69-69-71—280	E
Scott Parel	71-69-72-68—280	E
Cameron Beckman	68-73-65-75—281	+1
Brandt Jobe	72-70-69-70—281	+1
Bernhard Langer	72-72-68-69—281	+1
Colin Montgomerie	71-70-70-70—281	+1
Gene Sauers	74-70-69-68—281	+1
Mike Weir	70-68-75-68—281	+1
Michael Allen	69-69-71-73—282	+2
Brian Gay	71-74-68-69—282	+2
Lee Janzen	70-72-72-68—282	+2
Vijay Singh	70-70-69-73—282	+2
Tom Byrum	71-69-71-72—283	+3
Joe Durant	69-65-74-75—283	+3
Retief Goosen	72-69-68-74—283	+3
Darren Clarke	70-70-72-72—284	+4
Glen Day	73-72-71-68—284	+4
Bob Estes	68-68-74-74—284	+4
Davis Love III	71-66-75-72—284	+4
Brett Quigley	71-72-71-70—284	+4
Paul Stankowski	76-69-70-69—284	+4
Scott Dunlap	73-75-68-69—285	+5
Steve Flesch	72-71-71-71—285	+5
Tim Herron	70-68-73-74—285	+5
Dicky Pride	71-71-71-72—285	+5
Kevin Sutherland	71-70-71-73—285	+5

PGA BARBASOL CHAMPIONSHIP
4th of 4 rounds, Keene Trace GC, Nicholasville, Ky., 7,328 yards; Par: 72

263 (-25)	**$666,000**
Trey Mullinax (300)	65-65-67-66
264 (-24)	**$403,300**
Kevin Streelman (165)	66-64-67-67
266 (-22)	**$255,300**
Mark Hubbard (105)	65-67-69-65
267 (-21)	**$181,300**
Hurly Long (0)	68-65-63-71
268 (-20)	**$151,700**
Vince Whaley (65)	70-64-67-67
269 (-19)	**$134,125**
Adam Svensson (60)	62-67-69-71
270 (-18)	**$124,875**
Michael Kim (55)	65-68-67-70
271 (-17)	**$100,825**
Sean O'Hair (42)	68-65-65-73
Marcus Helligkilde (0)	70-69-66-66
Ricardo Gouveia (0)	64-65-72-70
Matti Schmid (0)	65-63-66-77
Justin Lower (42)	69-70-66-66

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP QUAKER STATE 400
Sunday at Atlanta Motor Speedway
Hampton, Ga., Lap length: 1.54 miles

FP	ST	DRIVER	M	LAP	PT
1	1	Chase Elliott	C	260	60
2	2	Ross Chastain	C	260	45
3	5	Austin Cindric	F	260	34
4	25	Erik Jones	C	260	33
5	6	Ryan Blaney	F	260	46
6	7	Daniel Suárez	C	260	31
7	24	Justin Haley	C	260	30
8	22	Aric Almirola	F	260	29
9	18	Cole Custer	F	260	28
10	27	Harrison Burton	F	260	31
11	9	Martin Truex Jr	T	260	26
12	10	Kevin Harvick	F	260	25
13	3	Kyle Larson	C	260	26
14	32	Bubba Wallace	T	260	23
15	12	Michael McDowell	F	260	22
16	14	Chase Briscoe	F	260	21
17	28	Todd Gilliland	F	260	20
18	31	Brad Keselowski	F	260	27
19	15	Christopher Bell	T	260	24
20	19	Kyle Busch	T	260	22
21	30	Corey Lajoie	C	260	17
22	21	Kurt Busch	T	259-a	25
23	34	Cody Ware	F	259	14
24	36	Landon Cassill	C	259	0
25	16	Denny Hamlin	T	259	15
26	17	Joey Logano	F	252-d	11
27	33	Garrett Smithley	F	252	0
28	23	Ty Dillon	C	174-d	9
29	4	Tyler Reddick	C	170-a	17
30	13	William Byron	C	170-a	16
31	20	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	C	162-e	6
32	8	Alex Bowman	C	160-d	14
33	11	Chris Buescher	F	107-a	4
34	29	Noah Gragson	C	91-b	0
35	26	Austin Dillon	C	90-a	2
36	35	BJ McLeod	F	77-a	0

a-accident; b-suspension; d-DVP; C-Chevrolet; F-Ford; T-Toyota
Winner's average speed: 118.752 mph.
Time: 3 hours, 22 minutes, 18 seconds.
Margin of Victory: Under Caution.
Caution Flags: 13 for 64 laps.
Lead Changes: 27 among 12 drivers.
Lap Leaders: C.Elliott 0; R.Chastain 1; C.Elliott 2; R.Chastain 3-21; D.Hamlin 22-23; R.Blaney 24; C.Elliott 25-50; R.Blaney 51; C.Elliott 52-63; T.Reddick 64-69; M.Truex 70-86; C.Elliott 87-94; H.Burton 95-98; R.Stenhouse 99-100; H.Burton 101-105; W.Byron 106-146; T.Reddick 147-153; C.Elliott 154-162; A.Cindric 163-169; E.Jones 170-179; R.Chastain 180-191; C.Lajoie 192-201; C.Elliott 202; C.Lajoie 203-204; C.Elliott 205-241; M.Truex 242-251; C.Lajoie 252-258; C.Elliott 259-260
Top 16 in Points: 1. C.Elliott, 684; 2. R.Blaney, 637; 3. R.Chastain, 634; 4. K.Larson, 579; 5. Ky.Busch, 569; 6. M.Truex, 566; 7. J.Logano, 562; 8. C.Bell, 523; 9. A.Bowman, 508; 10. W.Byron, 505; 11. K.Harvick, 504; 12. A.Almirola, 481; 13. A.Cindric, 465; 14. T.Reddick, 458; 15. D.Suárez, 451; 16. Ku.Busch, 449.



Xander Schauffele acknowledges the crowd after winning the Scottish Open on Sunday. He heads to the British Open having won two straight PGA Tour starts. **KEVIN C. COX/GETTY**

GOLF

'Very average day' proves just enough

Schauffele shoots even-par 70 to hold on at Scottish Open

Associated Press

NORTH BERWICK, Scotland — Xander Schauffele keeps making up for lost time.

Winless for more than two years, Schauffele picked up his fourth win in the last 12 months Sunday when he overcame a rough patch in the middle of his round with two key birdies and a par save for an even-par 70 to win the Scottish Open.

Next up is another test on Scottish soil, this one the purest of all, the British Open at St. Andrews. Schauffele heads to the home of golf as among the hottest players in the world.

It was the first time the PGA Tour co-sanctioned a European tour event.

"It's just an honor to win the first one," said Schauffele, who now has seven career titles on the PGA Tour.

His 8-foot par save on the par-3 17th at The Renaissance Club gave him a two-shot lead, and the 28-year-old from San Diego played it smartly from there. He took iron off the 18th tee to avoid trouble and wound up missing an 8-foot par that only affected the margin.

Schauffele finished at 7-under 273, one shot ahead of Kurt Kitayama (66).

Kitayama had a one-shot lead on the back nine and was still tied until missing a 6-foot par putt on the 17th hole and then having to wait to see if his score would be enough.

The consolation for Kitayama was earning of three spots in the field at the British Open, his third straight time at golf's oldest championship.

The other two spots went to Brandon Wu and Jamie Donaldson, who tied for sixth.

So many others had a chance to earn a spot at St. Andrews.

Rickie Fowler has played every British Open since 2010 and came into the final round of the Scottish Open within range. But he closed with a 75 and was headed back home across the Atlantic.

Ryan Palmer also was in position until playing the back nine with two bogeys and no birdies and missing out by two shots.

It was tougher for Alex Smalley, who only needed a par on the 18th to earn a spot. He made bogey.

It wasn't easy for Schauffele, either.

He started the final round with a two-shot lead and birdied the opening two holes. He was four shots ahead after five holes. And when he reached the back nine, he was one shot behind.

"This was stressful," Schauffele said. "I'm not going to put makeup on the pig here. It was a very average day, probably my worst stuff this week. You can't get ahead of yourself in links golf. I was ahead, behind, ahead, behind. I just kept my head down."

It began to turn in his favor when Schauffele made a 15-foot birdie putt on the 14th to reclaim the lead, and then reached the par-5 16th in two to set up a two-putt birdie that extended his lead to two shots. Equally important was the 17th, when he putted from behind the green some 8 feet by the hole and made it for par to keep his cushion.

Schauffele now has won two straight PGA Tour starts going into the final major of the year. The last player to win twice in a row before a major was Dustin Johnson in 2016, and then he tied for ninth in the British Open at Royal Troon.

He had gone more than three years without a win, dating to the Tournament of Champions at Kapalua to start 2019, and it was gnawing at him.

But then Schauffele won Olympic gold in the Tokyo Olympics last summer. He teamed with Patrick Cantlay to win the Zurich Classic of New Orleans in late April, and now he has added two more of his own. That takes him to No. 5 in the world.

Joohyung Kim, the 20-year-old South Korean, also had a brief share of the lead with a brilliant play on the 17th in which his ball rolled off the back slope to 5 feet for birdie. But he took bogey on the 18th and shot 67 to finish third.

Jordan Spieth had his share of adventures again.

He was within one shot of the lead until pulling his tee shot on the 14th into high grass, hacking out long and making double bogey, and then taking bogey on the 15th with a wedge in his hand from the fairway. Spieth had two birdies, three bogeys and a double bogey on the back nine and shot 72 to tie for 10th

IN BRIEF

All-Star Game spotlight on Griner

News services

Brittney Griner was everywhere Sunday — before, during and after the WNBA All-Star Game.

Everywhere except where the league's best players felt she should be — playing alongside them on the court.

A'ja Wilson, Breanna Stewart and the rest of the WNBA All-Stars wore Griner's name and her No. 42 on the back of their jerseys for the second half of Team Wilson's 134-112 victory over Team Stewart. It was another moment in the league's continued push for Griner's release from her detention in Russia.

Griner, 31, has been detained since February after police at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport said they found vape canisters containing cannabis oil in her luggage. The eight-time All-Star pleaded guilty Thursday to drug possession charges that could see a sentence of to up to 10 years in prison.

Griner was announced as an honorary All-Star starter before Sunday's game in Chicago, drawing cheers from the crowd of 9,572 at the home of the defending champion Sky. The players lined up along the sideline to show off their Griner jerseys before the start of the second half.

Team Wilson guards Sabrina Ionescu and Courtney Vandersloot hugged Cherelle Griner, Brittney's wife, before play resumed.

It was the last All-Star Game for Sue Bird and Sylvia Fowles, two pillars of the league who plan to retire after this season. Fowles had the day's biggest highlight, picking up a steal and throwing down a dunk for Team Wilson with 4:04 left in the first half.

Aces guard Kelsey Plum was named MVP after she scored 30 points for Team Wilson in her first All-Star appearance.

Plum matched the league's All-Star Game scoring record. Maya Moore also scored 30 in 2015.

Jonquel Jones, the reigning WNBA MVP who plays for the Sun, had 29 points and 13 rebounds for Team Stewart. Jones also made the game's first 4-point shot.

Cycling: A solo attack by Bob Jungels gave him his first Tour de France stage victory on the first Alpine finish of this year's race, while two-time defending champ Tadej Pogačar retained the leader's yellow jersey after the ninth stage. The 29-year-old Jungels, who rides for the AG2R Citroën Team, set off on his own with almost 40 miles remaining of the mountainous 120-mile route from Aigle in Switzerland to the ski resort of Châtel les Portes du Soleil in France. The Luxembourg native crossed the line 22 seconds ahead of runner-up Jonathan Castroviejo. Pogačar and Jonas Vingegaard sprinted to the line to gain three seconds over their rivals for the overall lead. The Slovenian remained 39 seconds ahead of Vingegaard but increased his advantage to 1:17 over 2018 winner Geraint Thomas.

Auto racing: Charles Leclerc revived his Formula One title challenge by holding on to win the Austrian Grand Prix for a third victory of the season. The Ferrari driver from Monaco beat second-place Max Verstappen by 1.5 seconds. Leclerc trails the Red Bull driver and defending series champ by 38 points in the season standings.

NBA: Free agent F Danilo Gallinari, 33, agreed to a two-year, $13.3 million deal with the Celtics, his agent told ESPN. The deal includes a player option on the second year and will be fully guaranteed.

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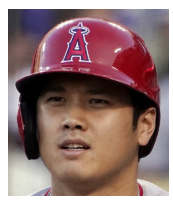
SHORTS

Kelly gets 'validation' at senior major



Jerry Kelly won the Senior Players Championship for the second time in three years Sunday, breaking away with two late birdies to beat defending champion Steve Stricker by two strokes. Kelly closed with a 2-under 68, taking the outright lead with a 15-foot birdie putt from the fringe on the par-5 16th and running in a 10-footer on the par-4 17th. He finished at 11-under 269 on Firestone's South Course in Akron, Ohio. "The first major is awesome, but the second one, even more validation," Kelly said. The 55-year-old Kelly won with wife Carol looking on. Last year, she had surgery to remove her right kidney after doctors found a cancerous mass. Kelly also won at Firestone in August 2020 and finished second last year. The Madison, Wisconsin, player has 10 PGA Tour Champions victories, after winning three times on the PGA Tour. The 55-year-old Stricker, also from Madison, matched his close friend with a closing 68. Sticker missed a chance for his second major victory of the season after taking the Tradition in May in Alabama. He was the runner-up at last month's U.S. Senior Open.

Ohtani two-way All-Star once again



A year after Shohei Ohtani became baseball's first two-way All-Star, the Angels sensation did it again. Ohtani was picked for the American League pitching staff on Sunday as a Major League Baseball selection, two days after he was elected by fans to start at designated hitter. Angels manager Phil Nevin said it's good for the sport to have Ohtani pitch and hit in the All-Star Game. "I think it's awesome," Nevin said. "This game is about the big stage and everybody being able to see the best players in our game and he certainly he is on both sides of the ball." Ohtani, the reigning AL MVP, is hitting .260 with 19 homers and 59 RBIs and is 8-4 with a 2.44 ERA, 111 strikeouts and 20 walks in 81 innings. He has won five consecutive starts and is coming off an outing against the Marlins in which when he became the first player in major league history to strike out 10 batters, drive in two runs and steal a base in a game. In the AL's 5-2 victory last year in Denver, Ohtani pitched a 1-2-3 first inning by retiring Fernando Tatis Jr., Max Muncy and Nolan Arenado, and grounded out twice.

Russia claims credit for Rybakina win



The Russian Tennis Federation was quick to claim Elena Rybakina as "our product" on her run to the women's title at Wimbledon. They then praised her training program in the country after she won the Venus Rosewater Dish as Wimbledon champion while representing Kazakhstan. "It's the Russian school, after all. She played here with us for a long time, and then in Kazakhstan," Russian Tennis Federation president Shamil Tarpishchev told sports website Championat on Saturday after Rybakina beat Ons Jabeur 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 on Centre Court. The 23-year-old Rybakina was born on Moscow and played in the Russian system until 2018, when financial issues led to her nationality switch. There's been no official reaction from the Kremlin on Rybakina's Wimbledon success, but some commentators have claimed her victory as a Russian achievement and a symbolic snub to the All England Club's ban on players representing Russia and Belarus. Players from those countries were banned from the Wimbledon tournament because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.



Chase Elliott celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup race at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Sunday. **JARED C. TILTON/GETTY**

NASCAR

It's 'a really big deal'

Elliott matches his father with victory at home track

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. — Chase Elliott got by Corey LaJoie with just under two laps to go and crossed the finish line under yellow after a block sent LaJoie crashing into the wall Sunday, giving the Georgia-born driver his first victory at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Elliott pulled back around in front of the main grandstand, greeted by a boisterous ovation from fans who cheered loudly every time he went to the front and stretched all the way to Dawsonville, the north Georgia town that produced the winner and his father, longtime NASCAR Cup star Bill Elliott.

The wild capper to another eventful Atlanta race denied LaJoie the first victory of his career, which would've been a huge upset for the small-budget Spire Motorsports team.

Chase Elliott joined his father as the only Georgia-born drivers to win at Atlanta. Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr. are the only other father-son to take the checkered flag at the historic 1.54-mile track.

"To win at your home track is a really big deal for any race car driver," Elliott said. "I've watched a lot of guys do it over the years. I felt like today was a good opportunity for us. I'm just so proud.

"This is obviously home for me, and home for a lot of great fans who made a lot of noise for me today."

Martin Truex Jr. was leading a tight pack at the front of the field when Ross Chastain caused his second wreck of the day with 14 laps to go.

Chastain, a two-time winner this season who also has made plenty of enemies with his overly aggressive driving, tapped the left rear quarter-panel of Denny Hamlin's car. That sent the No. 11 into a spin that ruined any chance of winning.

Truex led on the restart with eight laps to go, LaJoie pulled ahead on the backstretch, but the yellow flag came out again when Hamlin was bumped again. This time, it was Christopher Bell trying to squeeze between Hamlin and Joey Logano, setting off a spin that took out all three cars.

That set up another restart with three laps to go. LaJoie led the field from the inside lane, but he couldn't hold off Elliott, who surged to the front before taking the white flag.

LaJoie got a good run on the leader going into the first turn, but Elliott slid up the banking to cut him off. LaJoie, who has only one top-five finish in his career, ran out of room and smashed the outside wall.

Chastain looked to make a move on Elliott, but the yellow lights flashed with No. 9 still nearly a car length ahead.

That was it. Elliott could finally relax, becoming the first three-time winner in a season that has produced 13 different winners.

"Obviously, I knew (LaJoie) was gonna have a big run. I tried to give him one good, aggressive block," Elliott said. "I don't know what else to do. You go for the win or you don't. I'm going to choose option A every time."

LaJoie, whose best career finish was a fifth-place showing at this year's Atlanta spring race, nearly pulled off the most improbable victory of a wild season.

"That was fun," he said. "It's nice to have that thing out front for once. I made my move. It didn't work out."

Chastain was the runner-up, followed by Austin Cindric, Erik Jones and Ryan Blaney. LaJoie settled for the 21st spot.

The first major wreck occurred on the 91st lap, sparked by Chastain giving Truex a bump from behind coming through turn one.

Truex's car began spinning and seven other drivers were collected in the melee, with Austin Dillon taking the biggest hit when he slammed nearly head-on into the outside wall.

Dillon was OK, but his No. 3 Chevrolet was done for the day — another tough blow for a driver who is getting increasingly desperate for his first win of the season to stake a claim to a playoff spot.

Dillon blamed Chastain for being far too aggressive, a familiar complaint against the driver of the No. 1 machine.

"We're just a casualty of Ross Chastain again," Dillon said after leaving the infield care center. "You want to race hard all day, but you've got guys like him out there wrecking half the field."

The Cup drivers will head to New Hampshire Motor Speedway next weekend.

Aric Almirola, who's stepping back from full-time racing at the end of this season, is the defending champion on the 1.058-mile Loudon oval.

WIMBLEDON ANALYSIS

In defeat, Kyrgios shows he belongs

By Howard Fendrich | Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Wearing a backward cap with the brim bent skyward, Nick Kyrgios hit a between-the-legs shot while warming up for the Wimbledon final against Novak Djokovic.

Kyrgios was just getting started. Once play began, he tried an underarm serve. He conjured up a pair on-the-run, back-to-the-net 'tweeners on consecutive points, one a passing shot, one a lob. And for one full set Sunday, in the biggest match of his life, on one of the most famous courts in the world, at as prestigious tournament as there is, against one of the greatest players in tennis history, Kyrgios played brilliantly.



In his first career Grand Slam final, 27-year-old Aussie Nick Kyrgios, above, fell to Novak Djokovic at Wimbledon on Sunday. **ZAC GOODWIN/PA VIA AP**

Oh, did he ever: Seven aces, 14 winners, just four unforced errors. Completely composed. No distractions. Talk about meeting the moment.

"I felt," Kyrgios would say later, "like I belonged, to be honest."

For a set, anyway.

Then, as so often happens, he allowed little things to bother him. He let his opponent gain the upper hand. He began berating himself.

And so, ultimately, Kyrgios saw his early lead vanish in what would become a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3) loss to Djokovic at the All England Club.

This was the 32nd Grand Slam final for the top-seeded Djokovic — he's won 21 such titles, including seven at Wimbledon — and the first for the unseeded Kyrgios.

"You cannot prepare (for a) match against Nick Kyrgios," said Djokovic's coach, 2001 Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic.

"Nick Kyrgios is a genius, tennis genius."

The 27-year-old Australian is ranked 40th and hadn't even been to a major quarterfinal in 7 ½ years. Hasn't won a tour-level title since 2019. But he did not perform that way at the start.

"I felt like the trophy was definitely attainable today," said Kyrgios, who pounded 30 aces.

He generates as much — OK, let's be honest, more — attention for his attitude and behavior, on and off the court, as he does for his considerable talent.

Most seriously, word came during Wimbledon that Kyrgios is supposed to be in court back home in Australia next month to face an assault allegation.

He spat in the direction of a heckling spectator during one match this fortnight. He got in trouble for cursing during another — and again Sunday.

Once his advantage on the scoreboard began to dwindle, and after he lost one return game after being up love-40, and one service game after being up 40-love Kyrgios began talking to the people in his guest box, which included his father and his girlfriend (but no coach, because he doesn't have one). He would yell in that direction. Or motion dismissively. He threw a water bottle.

The chair umpire heard a lot from Kyrgios, too, such as a complaint that a woman he thought had been drinking was talking to him during the match.

"I mean, look, I've been on a couple nights out in my life," Kyrgios said at his news conference, "and I knew that she had too many."

During the last two weeks alone, Kyrgios racked up $14,000 in fines and, on top of it all, even caught flack for wearing a red hat and sneakers before or after matches at a place where all-white clothing is mandated.

Kyrgios wore the red hat again Sunday during the trophy ceremony.

There were those who have wondered during his career whether Kyrgios would ever be able to harness his tremendous skills and make it to the final weekend of a major tournament.

The ability has long been there; that's why he was 2-0 against Djokovic before Sunday, and also has victories over Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer.

"Everything is starting to come together for you," Djokovic told Kyrgios during the trophy ceremony at Centre Court.

"It's tough to find consolation words after a tough loss like this, but you showed why you deserve to be one of the best players in the world, particularly on this surface," Djokovic said. "I wish you all the best. I really respect you a lot."

Kyrgios said he found the last two weeks stressful. The attention — and comments — on social media.

And since learning he would be participating in a Grand Slam final after Nadal withdrew Thursday from the semifinals with an abdominal injury, Kyrgios couldn't sleep at night.

He said about 1 ½ months ago, he was playing basketball with some pals in Australia and told one of them: "Look, I think I'm going to have some fun and maybe win Wimbledon."

Came so close.

"I look back at it," Kyrgios said, "and I'm just like, 'How am I here?' "

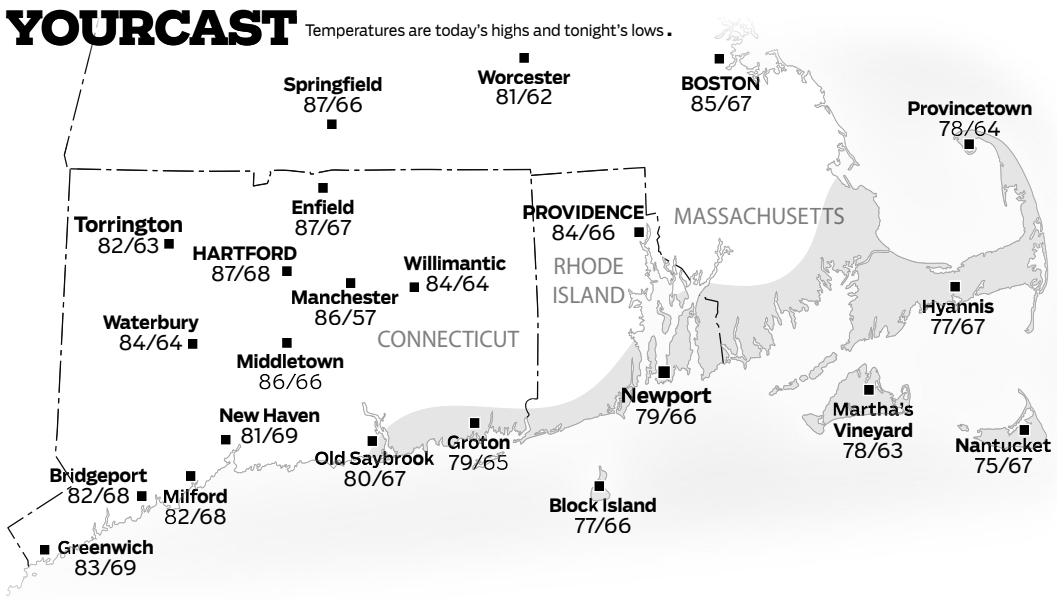
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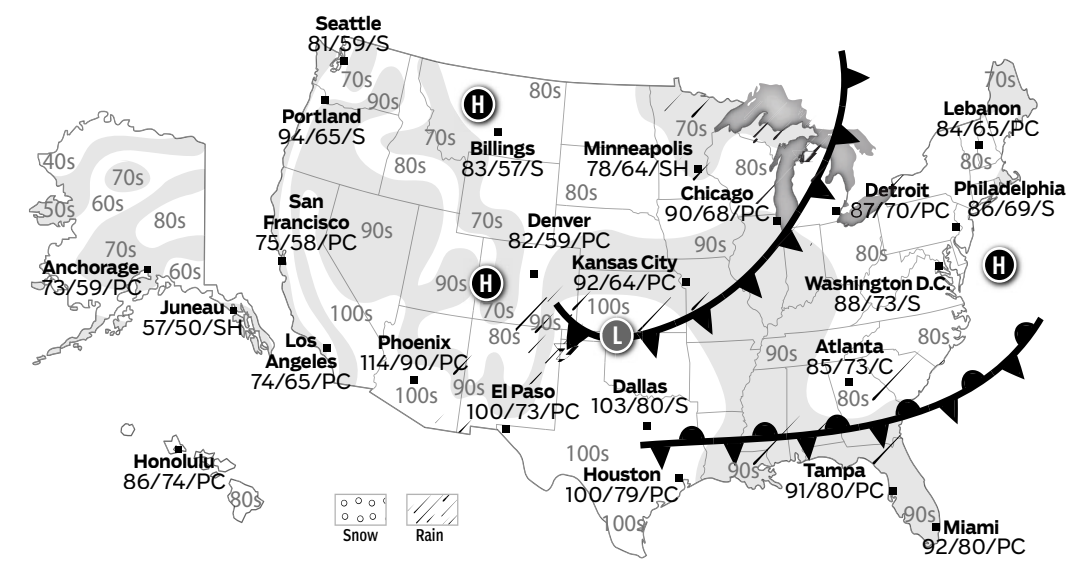
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Mostly sunny and warm, breezy late. Southwest wind at 5 to 15 mph,	Partly to mostly sunny, hot and humid, chance for a shower or thunderstorm late.	Partly sunny, hot and humid.	Mixed clouds and sunshine, slight chance for a shower or a thunderstorm, warm.	Partly sunny with the slight chance for a shower, warm.
HIGH 87° LOW 68°	HIGH 92° LOW 69°	HIGH 91° LOW 66°	HIGH 86° LOW 64°	HIGH 87° LOW 65°

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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.





OUTLOOK

High pressure off the mid-Atlantic coast will bring mostly sunny skies and seasonable temperatures Monday with highs ranging from near 80 to the upper 80s. The humidity will be higher than this past weekend with dew points inland in the mid to upper 50s and along the shoreline they could reach the lower 60s at times. The dew point statewide is expected to climb into the low to mid-60s overnight. Tuesday and Wednesday will be hot and humid with high temperatures in the 80s and lower 90s. A few late day and overnight showers and thunderstorms are possible on Tuesday.

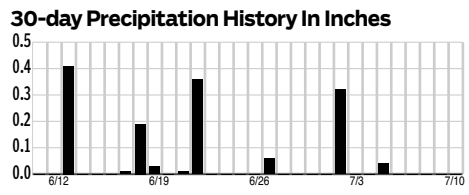
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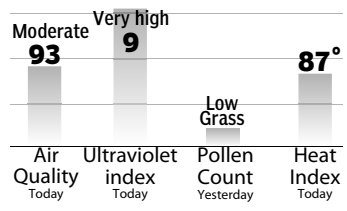
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.13
Month to date	0.36	1.22
Total this year	20.53	23.39

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:26 a.m.	5:27 a.m.
Sunset	8:27 p.m.	8:26 p.m.
Moonrise	6:48 p.m.	7:59 p.m.
Moonset	2:46 a.m.	3:40 a.m.

Moon Phase

Full	Last	New	First
July 13	July 20	July 28	Aug 5

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	7:41 a.m. 8:02 p.m.	2:05 a.m. 1:56 p.m.	72°
Saybrook Jetty	8:52 a.m. 9:13 p.m.	2:58 a.m. 2:49 p.m.	71°
Connecticut River at Portland	11:35 a.m. 11:56 p.m.	6:44 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	
Madison	9:17 a.m. 9:33 p.m.	3:05 a.m. 3:12 p.m.	71°
New Haven	9:37 a.m. 9:53 p.m.	3:29 a.m. 3:36 p.m.	71°
Stamford	9:41 a.m. 9:57 p.m.	3:43 a.m. 3:50 p.m.	71°

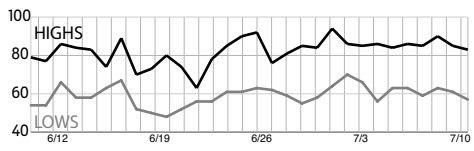
River Stage at Hartford: 1.24 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	MSunny	MSunny	MSunny
Wind	SW, 10-15	SW, 5-15	SW/S, 5-15
Seas	1-2 ft.	1-3 ft.	2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Sunday	83 at 3:29 p.m	57 at 3:53 a.m
Normal for date	85	63
Record for date	100 in 1936	49 in 1963
A year ago	81	67
Range this year	94	-2

Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - July 10	330	284	341

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.12 at 7 a.m.	30.01 at 6 p.m.
Dew point	47° at 9 a.m.	42° at 3 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND											
Bangor	79	62	PC	Baltimore	85	66	S	Nashville	92	72	PC
Burlington	84	67	PC	Bismarck	80	55	PC	New Orleans	91	78	T
Caribou	78	62	C	Boise	89	65	S	New York	83	70	PC
Concord	84	63	PC	Buffalo	84	72	PC	Okla. City	99	71	S
Montpelier	79	64	PC	Charleston	84	72	SH	Omaha	87	61	PC
Mt. Wash.	55	48	PC	Cincinnati	89	73	S	Orlando	94	76	PC
Portland	78	63	PC	Cleveland	89	74	PC	Pittsburgh	83	70	PC
Woods Hole	76	62	S	Indianapolis	89	70	PC	Raleigh	81	67	PC
NATION				Jacksonville	91	74	T	St. Louis	96	74	PC
Albany	85	64	PC	Las Vegas	111	88	PC	Salt Lake City	95	72	PC
Albuquerque	95	68	PC	Miami Beach	88	82	PC	San Antonio	106	81	PC
Atlantic City	83	65	S	Milwaukee	87	67	PC	San Diego	73	67	PC

San Juan	88	80	PC
Tucson	108	83	PC
WORLD			
Amsterdam	78	58	PC
Athens	88	70	S
Bangkok	85	75	SH
Barbados	84	77	C
Beijing	86	71	PC
Beirut	83	76	S
Berlin	73	53	PC
Bermuda	83	77	SH
Budapest	77	58	S
Buenos Aires	54	42	SH
Cairo	97	72	S
Cancun	91	79	S
Dubai	102	87	PC
Dublin	76	64	PC
Edinburgh	78	63	C
Helsinki	72	61	SH
Hong Kong	86	76	PC
Istanbul	81	66	PC
Jerusalem	79	63	S
Johannesburg	64	38	S
Kingston	89	75	PC
Lisbon	90	69	PC
London	87	66	PC
Madrid	101	73	PC
Mexico City	75	55	SH
Milan	92	69	PC
Montreal	81	68	PC
Moscow	89	64	SH
Nassau	87	81	S
New Delhi	99	84	SH
Paris	87	64	S
Prague	71	50	PC
Rio de Janeiro	81	70	S
Rome	88	67	S
Seoul	86	73	SH
Singapore	88	79	SH
Stockholm	73	54	PC
Sydney	60	47	SH
Tel Aviv	88	73	PC
Tokyo	92	74	PC
Toronto	82	70	PC
Vancouver	76	60	S
Warsaw	66	54	SH

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

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WNBA

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But ultimately it was the young talent that led the way as Team Wilson defeated Team Stewart, 134-112.

Making her first All-Star appearance, Las Vegas Aces guard Kelsey Plum was named MVP after scoring 30 points to lead all players, tying the All-Star Game record set by Maya Moore in 2015. She also had three assists and two rebounds.

"It was a lot of fun," Plum said. "This is for the fans, and this is to reach and expose people that maybe haven't seen the W. And what a way to send off Sylvia and Sue.

"I think for me, I just personally wanted to go out and have a ton of fun. Shots started to fall, so obviously it's really fun when that happens, too, but regardless of that, I was just going to play and have a ton of joy out there."

Connecticut Sun forward Jonquel Jones showed out for Team Stewart, notching 29 points, 13 rebounds, five assists and two steals. She is the first player in WNBA All-Star Game history with at least 25 points and 10 rebounds, according to ESPN Stats & Info. Fellow Sun teammate Brionna Jones had 10 points, four rebounds and two assists for Team Wilson, while Alyssa Thomas had four points, eight rebounds and two assists for Team Stewart.

Stewart had 14 points, five rebounds, two assists and two steals, while fellow former UConn star Bird had six assists.

Other standouts for the game included New York Liberty guard Sabrina Ionescu (19 points, six rebounds, six assists), Chicago Sky forward Candace Parker (15 points, eight rebounds, three assists and Atlanta Dream forward Rhyne Howard (13 points, five rebounds, four assists) for Team Wilson. On Team Stewart, Seattle Storm guard Jewell Loyd (21 points), Los Angeles Sparks forward Nneka Ogwumike (12 points) also made a big impact.

Fowles scored the first points of the afternoon, draining a 3-pointer to kick off the last All-Star appearance of her career, and her dunk in the second quarter stole the show.



The Storm's Jewell Loyd wears a Brittany Griner jersey and speaks with the media before the start of the WNBA All-Star Game at Wintrust Arena in Chicago on Sunday.
STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

"I think I just heard the momentum of the crowd," Fowles said of the dunk. "I probably heard a couple of benches and seen a couple of faces on the other team and I was like, just go for it. But it was just in the moment. I didn't really think about it."

Though it ultimately went to Plum, Jonquel Jones looked determined to win MVP from the early minutes of the game, set to prove just why she was named the best player in the league last season.

The four-time All-Star caught an overhead pass from Bird for an easy layup for her first points of the afternoon. Bird found her again on the very next possession for a 3-pointer on the wing. Feeling confident, Jonquel Jones fired off a shot from the special new 4-point zone, swishing it in with ease.

"I practiced them yesterday and shot it a lot in the warmups," she said of the 4-point shots. "I felt comfortable and confident shooting them. So yeah, that's all I was thinking about was just getting them up."

JJ had scored 11 of the first 14 points of the afternoon for Team Stewart, but she wasn't done yet. Shortly after that she drained another 3-pointer.

Still, Team Wilson held the lead for most of the first half. They were up 59-39 at halftime behind 17 first-half points from Plum, who was making the first All-Star appearance of her career. Meanwhile, Jones had 14 points, five rebounds and two assists in the first half.

Jonquel Jones showed off her vision as well. With a little over eight minutes left in the third quarter, she stole the ball and fired a pass down the length of the court to Ogwumike for an easy layup.

After only notching three points in the first half, Stewart began to find her groove in the third quarter, scoring nine points in the period. Still, her team trailed 92-77 entering the final quarter.

Team Stewart trimmed the deficit to 11 points in the fourth when Jones scored her second four-point play of the afternoon, making it a 109-98 game. She brought her team into single digits shortly after that, but Team Wilson stormed back to take the victory.

As they checked out for the final time with a little over two minutes left, Bird and Fowles were once again celebrated. As the PA announcer declared their exit, the crowd rose to a standing ovation, allowing the pair to go out in a fashion only two legends of the game could.

"That moment was really special," Bird said. "That was really considerate of [Team Stewart coach James Wade] to think of me, and it was a really nice moment to share with the crowd, with the other players."

Players speak out for star Griner

The absence of Phoenix Mercury star Brittney Griner, who has been wrongfully detained in Russia since February, loomed over All-Star Weekend.

Players brought attention to Griner's situation throughout the weekend festivities and Engelbert said getting the center home was her biggest priority.

Every player wore warmups with Griner's name and No. 42 on the back. Griner was also announced as an honorary All-Star before the game.

"We are all in this fight together to bring her home," Stewart said. "And I think that when you have ... those strength in numbers, it makes a bigger splash and we get attention and we are getting people's attention, and we need to continue to ask President Biden and the White House to bring her home."

After halftime, players took things a step further. They all came out wearing special uniforms with Griner's name and number on the back instead of their own. Players then all lined up together on the sidelines and stood still as the arena took a moment to bring attention to Griner.

"That was our way of honoring her," Bird said. "Our way of hopefully at some point she sees a picture or something and letting her know that she is always on our minds and in our hearts.

"But it's also a way to have other people see her name. Maybe someone turned on the TV and doesn't know about the story and is like, 'Oh, why are they all wearing the same jersey number?' And in those moments it brings awareness and it constantly reminds the Biden administration that we are supporting them and whatever they need to do to get Brittney home, we're behind them."

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

LOCAL BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEGION
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
ZONE 1
Bristol 8, Torrington 7
Note: Jaydon Churchill was 3-for-4 with an RBI, 2 runs scored, Ryan Fradette was 2-for-3 with a double, 2 RBI and Tyler Stickels had a double, 2 RBI for Bristol.

EHM 6, Simsbury 6

ZONE 3
Enfield 16, South Windsor 4

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
ZONE 1
Simsbury 11-9, Torrington 4-2
Bristol at Meriden (2), late

ZONE 2
North Haven 1, Madison 0(forfeit)

ZONE 3
ECP Post 6, Ellington 2
Glastonbury 7, Windsor Locks/Windsor 0
Tri-County 10, Northeast 3
EHM at Middletown, late

ZONE 6
Willimantic 1, Moosup 0(forfeit)

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
Zone 2: Madison at New Haven, 5:45 p.m.
Zone 3: Tri-County at RCP Post, 5:45 p.m.; Ellington at Northeast, 5:45 p.m.; Windsor Locks/Windsor at South Windsor, 6:30 p.m.; Middletown at EHM, 7 p.m.
Zone 6: Waterford at Willimantic, 7 p.m.

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
Aftershock at Dodgers, 6p.m.
Angels at Rockies, 6p.m.
Patriots vs. Angels, 8p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Graphics 5, People's 2
Orioles at Phillies, late

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
Cardinals at Jets (2), 6p.m.
Expos at Greeners, 6p.m.

PETE KOKINIS BASEBALL LEAGUE
SATURDAY'S LATE RESULTS
14U
Farmington 16,
Ahern Whalen-Middletown 0
Note: Gavin Bonini had 2 hits, 3 RBI, Arie DeLuca had a triple, double, 3 RBI and Michael Bemis had 2 hits, 4 RBI for Farmington.

SUNDAY'S RESULT
19U
Southington Hitmen
at Farmington, late

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
16U: Copperheads-Torrington at Nor'Easters-Newington, 5:45 p.m.; Stafford Royals at Ahern Whalen-Middletown, 6:30 p.m.
14U: CT Bulldogs-Wethersfield at Farmington, 6:30 p.m.; Newington Raiders at Ahern Whalen-Middletown, 6:45 p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE

STANDINGS

NORTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Somerset	50	31	.617	—
Hartford	49	32	.605	1
Portland	40	41	.494	10
New Hampshire	36	45	.444	14
Reading	36	45	.444	14
Binghamton	31	50	.383	19

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Erie	46	34	.575	—
Akron	44	36	.550	2
Richmond	44	37	.543	2.5
Altoona	41	40	.506	5.5
Bowie	34	47	.420	12.5
Harrisburg	34	47	.420	12.5

SATURDAY'S LATE RESULTS
New Hampshire 5, Hartford 4
Harrisburg 5, Erie 2
Reading 6, Richmond 5
Akron 7, Altoona 3
Portland 11, Binghamton 5
Bowie 3, Somerset 2

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Hartford 10, New Hampshire 7
Harrisburg 6, Erie 5
Portland 3, Binghamton 1
Richmond 7, Reading 2
Altoona 11, Akron 1
Somerset 3, Bowie 1

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Somerset at Portland, 6p.m.
Richmond at Altoona, 6p.m.
Binghamton at Erie, 6p.m.
Akron at Bowie, 6:30p.m.
Harrisburg at Hartford, 7p.m.
New Hampshire at Reading, 7p.m.

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STANDINGS

EASTERN	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	16	6	.727	—
Connecticut	14	8	.636	2
Washington	14	10	.583	3
Atlanta	10	12	.455	6
New York	9	13	.409	7
Indiana	5	19	.208	12

WESTERN	W	L	PCT	GB
Las Vegas	15	7	.682	—
Seattle	15	8	.652	0.5
Los Angeles	10	12	.455	5
Dallas	10	12	.455	5
Phoenix	10	14	.417	6
Minnesota	8	15	.348	7.5

SUNDAY'S RESULT
WNBA ALL-STAR WEEKEND
ALL-STAR GAME
Team Wilson 134, Team Stewart 112

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Dallas at Seattle, 3p.m.
Las Vegas at New York, 7p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 8p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Washington at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

